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You can be as modern as you like in planning basement recreation rooms when you choose American-Standard Heating Equipment. This inviting room owes a great deal of its charm to the trim OAKMONT Oil Boiler in the corner. But there's more than good styling to the Oakmont. Inside its smart Canyon Two-Tone Red jacket are all the sound engineering features needed to provide average sized homes with the carefree comfort and cleanliness of automatic oil heating.

There's a sumptuous air to this bathroom, much of which comes from the striking American-Standard Plumbing Fixtures. Center of attraction is the NEO-ANGLE Bath, which, while only about four feet square, is actually roomier than most conventional baths. The graceful shelf-backed lavatory is the COMPANION, and the water closet is the quiet, thorough-flushing MASTER ONE-PIECE. All are available in white and a choice of many colors.

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The Real Promoters of Socialism

RECENTLY when housing legislation was being considered in Congress, Chairman Wolcott of the House committee on Banking and Currency declared certain provisions of the Senate bill were “socialism”, regardless of who favored them. He thus made a point which it is of great importance to keep in mind at the present time—viz., that whether a policy is socialistic depends not on who advocates it but on the character and tendency of the policy itself.

There would be no danger of socialism or communism in this or most other countries if they were promoted only by their avowed advocates. The real danger emanates from leaders and members of labor unions, leaders and members of both the Republican and Democratic parties, and even many business men, who promote policies tending to over-burden and undermine private enterprise, without realizing that that is the most effective way to promote socialism.

American Builder for fifteen years has been opposing certain New Deal policies. It has not opposed them because they have been supported mainly by persons calling themselves “Democrats”, but because they have been socialistic. It will oppose socialistic policies with equal vigor in the future if supported mainly by persons in power in the government calling themselves “Republicans”. A socialist or communist is no less truly a socialist or communist because he chooses not to call himself one.

There is occurring throughout the world a gigantic struggle between the supporters of two entirely different economic systems—the system of private enterprise and the system of socialism, communism being merely socialism established and maintained by force. These two systems are wholly incompatible. Whoever or whatever weakens one of them promotes the other, and whoever or whatever promotes one of them weakens the other. Socialism is government ownership and management of property. Every increase of government ownership or management prevents at least an equivalent increase or causes an equivalent reduction of private ownership or management. There are many persons who profess opposition to socialism and call themselves Democrats or Republicans but who favor specific socialistic policies—such as government construction and ownership of “low-cost” housing, government construction and ownership of power plants such as those of the Tennessee Valley Authority, government construction and ownership of means of transportation such as the St. Lawrence “seaway”. Every such policy requires government expenditures that burden private enterprise by increasing taxes on it and undermines private enterprise by using the taxes collected from it to subsidize competition with it. And every policy which burdens or undermines and weakens any part of American private enterprise promotes socialism in this country and throughout the world, because the American system of private enterprise is, whether for purposes of peace or war, the last important bulwark against socialism and communism still standing in the world.

Those who oppose every socialistic policy are called “reactionaries” by those who, while professing opposition to complete socialism or communism, call themselves “liberals” and support almost every specific socialistic policy that is proposed. These self-styled “liberals” who go about in the guise of Republicans and Democrats are much more numerous and of much better repute than avowed socialists and communists, and are, therefore, much more effective enemies of private enterprise and promoters of socialism.
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Wherever there's news in building

"NEW FREEDOM"

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SELF-CONTAINED WORK AREA assures maximum efficiency in a minimum space. Note the easy step-saving arrangement of cabinets between the new 8-foot silent Servel Gas refrigerator and double sink with its constant supply of hot water from a new automatic Gas water-heater.

Here's why an authorized "New Freedom Gas Kitchen" is such a unanimous success

BANKERS say:
"Financing is easier . . . because there's less long-term risk involved in a house with a complete "New Freedom Gas Kitchen"!"

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BIGGER KITCHEN
It not only has more counter space, more floor space, a "better" layout, bigger appliances; it has a "better" Kitchen. (Remember the "better" Kitchen is one that is self-contained, well-planned, well-built.)

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You may ask, "What does it all have to do with real estate?"

The answer is that Gas-Fireplace is a major feature in a home. If you're in the building or real-estate business, you can't afford to overlook the tremendous push this new concept gives to home building and real estate sales.
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Economy Siding in Western Pines* is a lower grade siding, but gives, at less cost, the modern appearance and the durability of more expensive materials. Here are some of the advantages of Economy Siding—superb resistance to weathering, easy to paint, outstanding toughness, minimum shrinkage, quick to apply, excellent insulating qualities, structurally strong, and a variety of patterns.

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Knot sealer WP-578, developed by Western Pine Association, is recommended for priming knots to prevent paint failure. In laboratory and field tests, it has out-performed all other sealers. Prepared solutions of WP-578 are made and distributed by 57 approved manufacturers from coast to coast. If your dealer does not have it, write Dept.90-B, Western Pine Association, Yeon Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

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These are points which you can profitably emphasize to your buyers. They're explained more fully in the booklet, *Oak Floors for Long-time Beauty*, which you can obtain, free, from your oak flooring dealer. Ask also for new Builders' Data Book which provides detailed specifications for planning, laying and finishing oak floors. Get these two helpful books today.

You'll make good friends when you build houses with extra resale value.
STARTS of new dwelling units in May totaled 97,000, an increase of 24,000 units over May 1947. This brought the total for the first five months to 356,000, 28 per cent above the first five months last year. It is possible that starts may have declined this summer as early reports of the Bureau of Labor Statistics for June showed a decline in local permits issued in most sections. Reasons for an anticipated decline are mounting labor and material costs, and the elimination of Title VI financing. The national and international situations may operate to overcome these unfavorable factors, inducing many prospective home owners with adequate resources to build now at any cost.

Building costs have reacted to labor and material wage increases now effective for on-the-site labor as well as labor employed by building material producers. Peak construction activity this spring put pressure on supplies of lumber and metal, another factor operating to increase costs. The recent freight rate increases are particularly onerous to the building industry. As a result of these factors, wholesale prices of building materials in April set a new all-time high. There was hope for lower lumber prices, the first of the year as the nation's biggest lumber company reduced prices in an effort to set an example to be followed by the rest of the industry. The effort was futile against in the face of increased costs all the way along the line. Similar price reductions announced by appliance manufacturers have also been revoked.

Compared with a year ago, the wholesale price index of the Department of Commerce shows an increase in every category except paint. The composite index advanced from 196 in March 1947 to 213 in March 1948. Lumber prices are more than three times the 1939 level. Lumber and labor costs continue to be the outstanding factors in increased construction costs.

Labor costs even before the raises granted late this spring showed a substantial advance over last spring. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the increase in average hourly earnings of on-the-site labor followed a 20 cent pattern.

Rises granted since April are likely to bring another jump, ranging up to 20 cents.

For three years prices of commodities and wages have been making an uneven upward march, with the end not in sight. In most industries, including agriculture, production is not greatly in excess or below the peak years of the respective industries. Automobile production is at about the 1929 level. Production of new homes is somewhat above the 1925 rate, both peak years for those industries. The only way that prices will be reduced is by a substantial slackening in demand. As for housing, a dip may occur as the result of the death of Title VI.

Speculative builders may be particularly hard hit. Nathan Manillow, president of the Chicago Home Builders Association, believes that "there may be a 50 per cent drop in the volume of home construction due to the absence of Title VI, becoming increasingly noticeable month by month, and there will be a big decline by September." The same class of buyers who had extraordinary difficulty in making a 10 per cent or 20 per cent down payment will probably have to pay 35 to 40 per cent which will form a more restricted market for builders and a slower turnover of completed homes.

In the twenties such down payments were common and were no detriment to a big volume of residential building. However, a large part of the building volume was apartment building in large cities. Now 88 per cent of residential starts are single-family homes, 20 per cent in communities of under 20,000 population.

In view of rent control in big cities and the experience of investors in the twenties, conditions have not been auspicious for apartment building at present prices.

The annual rate of new home building for 12 months ended May was 924,100 units, fast approaching the million mark. If this rate, in spite of adverse influences, can be maintained it will be a great contribution to the nation's economic stability, will end the housing shortage in the near future, and will result in substantial improvement of the well being of the American people.

Gain in output of building materials was reported by the Commerce Department whose index stood at 139.9 in March 1947. The highest March figure on record. Production of gypsum board and lath was more than 50 per cent higher this March than in 1947. Board output was as much as seven times the average 1939 output and production of lath was twice as high as in 1939. Hardwood flooring was 52 per cent higher than in the previous March. There was a gain of 5 per cent in wire nails. Only three out of 19 types of materials showed lower production.
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SELLING—On all sides this strange word is beginning to appear. Lumber dealers inventories are up, and many of them are actively wooing customers. Many manufacturers of building materials have put their sales forces. Home builders are beginning to think in terms of selling new houses. The industry is working itself out of the home shortage faster than many think.

S. 866—Because Congress is not in session and the newspapers are not full of news about public housing legislation, is no reason to conclude that S. 866 is a dead issue. It is merely in abeyance until 1949 or until this fall if a special session is called.

NO REST—This is not the time for those who believe that the future of the country depends on preserving free private enterprise to rest in their efforts to defeat S. 866.

TIME TO PLAN—This is the time to plan public education programs and assemble facts for what promises to be the most critical battle yet, on the public housing issue.

PARTIAL SOCIALISM—It is just as impossible as partial war. When two all-military units begin to shoot at each other there is war, not partial war, and in a short time everybody is shooting. The same is true of socialism. A little dose of it means that in a short time the whole prescription will be ordered.

POLICE STATE—Socialism is contrary to the natural urge in men to seek their own economic levels and ethical codes. Thus, socialism works only under state police enforcement. The inevitable end is a police regimented state, better known as Communism.

THE ISSUE—The issue involving S. 866 is not more housing, veterans' housing, cheaper housing or slum clearance. In fact, it is not housing at all. The issue is only whether or not the country's second largest industry will be brought under the dead hand of socialism as the first major move to destroy individual freedom in America.

A. I. A.—The following is quoted from an A.I.A. bulletin dated May 21: "The American Institute of Architects today in a statement presented to the House Committee on Banking and Currency, gave approval to the present version of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill on housing." The A.I.A. either pressure or the idea of being converted into a government bureau with its members feeding at the public trough, or it is looking at the world with its head in the sand.

LOUIS JUSTEMENT—He spoke for A. I. A., and among other statements said that A. I. A. "attacks the argument made for the 'filtering down' process of providing housing for low-income groups." He added that "filtering down might be a good concept in normal times, but that present conditions are not normal, and the process is not working because there are not enough vacancies to permit it to operate." Mr. Justement seems to be doing no thinking of any kind, beyond some elementary considerations of temporary conditions.

MOTIVES—It is difficult to believe that the A.I.A. and its spokesman are so naive as to have missed the real issue at stake in S. 866. If they have not missed it the conclusion is inevitable that their policy makers are willing to sell private enterprise building for some undefined and dubious temporary gain.

BUILDING COSTS—Has anyone heard of the heavy building construction industry being under fire because of the increased cost of factories, office buildings and institutional structures? Of course not. The strategy is to socialize and regiment the home building segment of construction first, because the emotional overtones that can and are being used make home building more vulnerable. What does a worker in a factory or office care what the company has to pay for a new building? So little that political demagogues in Congress and the destructionists who call themselves liberals and socialists know that the public cannot be aroused. So, no attack—yet—on heavy construction costs.

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EDITORS’ ROUND TABLE

EVERY MONTH, within a few days after the latest issue has been read by the entire staff, American Builder’s editors convene as a board of self-criticism. There are no sacred cows at these meetings, and no one, including the editor, is immune from criticism or questioning.

LETTERS FROM READERS was a principal subject of discussion at the July meeting. One member of the staff said that most of the letters published say directly or by implication that we are very good, and that most of the others, while probably interesting to the editors, cannot command much reader interest.

WHO, EXCEPT US, he asked, cares to read letters telling us how good we are. That stopped everybody. Then he read some of the letters published in recent issues, and asked how we could expect our readers to get much out of them. Somebody attempted a defense on the basis that practically every magazine has a department like our “LETTERS.”

ONE WAY TO GET LETTERS is to ask for them. Some magazines do. American Builder does not, and does not intend to. OF COURSE WE ARE GLAD TO GET THE HEAVY BATCH OF MAIL WE RECEIVE EVERY DAY from readers, but we are about convinced that very few readers are interested in reading three columns of letters as a steady diet.

SAID THE ANTI-LETTER MAN, LET’S TRY TAKING OUR HAIR DOWN FOR THREE COLUMNS AND TALK ABOUT WHAT WE HEAR FROM PEOPLE, AND WHAT WE ARE THINKING AND TALKING ABOUT MIGHT EVEN TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE LETTERS.

“SECOND MORTGAGE money,” piped up one of the staff who spent June living out of a suitcase. “In all five cities I visited last month suppliers and subcontractors told me they were being asked by some builders to take promissory notes for up to three or four thousand dollars in payment of services and materials. Some banks will discount that kind of paper on the credit of the holder, but the general attitude is that the industry needs a sound second mortgage plan or a guaranteed first mortgage with five and not more than ten per cent down.”

WELL, WHAT DO THE BUILDERS THINK? WHAT DO THE SUPPLIERS THINK? We’ll find out if this column is read this month. The answer will depend on whether we get some letters on the subject. (Continued to page 58)
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BUILDING MATERIALS

Editors' Round Table

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WE WRITE THIS COLUMN AS WE GO ALONG with our discussion, and when we get that far, one of our young men pointedly stated that if the foregoing was not asking for letters he'd like to know how you do ask for them.

THERE IS A PEACE MAKER on the staff, and he pointed out that if the subject is hot enough to start a discussion by mail a whole cotton bale of letters will come in—in which case we can publish only the consensus. If the subject is not a real issue, no one will write, and we have nothing to worry about.

"SPEAKING OF HEAT," interposed our handicraft expert, who had just painted his house over a two-year-old paint job, "what made the paint on my house blister in two years? I've got my idea. Maybe you have got another one. The house is insulated, walls and roof, and there were no louvres in the gables. I figure that the moisture in the house could go only into the insulation, because the sheathing is vapor proof. It had to go somewhere, and there were no louvres. It concentrated in the attic, and with two months of sub-freezing weather it froze there. With the slow thaw it found its way down the outside of the sheathing, and then out through the wood siding, and blistered the paint. In the last week of June there was still water in some of those blisters. I had to break them, and wait a few days for the siding to dry before putting on the new paint. I put in attic louvres and hope it solves the problem. Every insulated house should have louvres.

The response to that was that our young man asked why we didn't ask our readers to write some more letters about it, especially since we stated in this column that we never have solicited letters and do not intend to.

WHEN HE SAW the staff secretary put that down, he threw in the sponge, and said that he had a letter from Virgil Peterson, assistant manager, Red Cedar Shingle Bureau, about the item on page 146 of the May issue relative to cutting shingles while in the bundle for application at roof ridges. Mr. Peterson says that the suggestion is not based on sound construction since it seems to call for the application of the shingles along the ridges in the same manner as the shingles are applied throughout the roof surface. "Our recommendation," says Mr. Peterson, "for finishing ridges as well as hips, is that the modified 'Boston' type hip, or ridge construction be used." He recommends a careful reading of the Certigrade Handbook.

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"WHY NOT," asked our young man, "invite a discussion from readers on that one. It is thoroughly consistent with our policy of not asking for letters."

Nobody paid any attention to him, because a hitherto relatively silent member chimed in with, "Well, if we can't get away from letters, here's one that doesn't tell us how good we are. It is from a small builder who tells us to cancel his subscription, and refund the unused balance in cash. The reason is that the magazine is of no further use to him because "The Republican majority in the Senate showed their contempt for the private housing interests, and all those engaged in building houses by not acting upon any housing legislation whatever." It was agreed and hoped that the builder had a just complaint, because we tried our best to exert telling influence against the passage of the housing legislation that was up for consideration.

The eastern editor was in for the July meeting, and reported that many builders in his eastern zone had expressed interest in the American Builder Better Detail plates, and had asked if these were to be made available in book form. The same question is raised frequently in all parts of the country. The answer is that the staff has in production the book that seems to be in demand. It should be ready for distribution soon.

The same question was raised regarding the series of articles on heating recently concluded. The answer is also the same. A reprint of the entire series in book form is in process of production.

IT WAS SUGGESTED DURING THE MEETING THAT OUR ANTI-PUBLIC HOUSING STAND BE SHELVED FOR A FEW MONTHS while Congress is not in session. The best answer to that was a letter from F. H. Gregory, an editor in London, England. He said, "May I congratulate you on your efforts in support of the private builder, and wish you success in your fight against public control. We, in this country, are deeply enmeshed in it, with all its consequent delays and frustrations. True, we are building houses in increasing numbers, but it is in spite of, rather than because of, public control. Bureaucracy is just a pipe dream. For every producer we have ten non-producers, and the cost of these non-producers is added to the cost of the home. . . ."

Incidentally, the writer of the letter is editor of The Quarterly Journal of the London Association of Builders' Foremen and Clerks of Works, and he wants to contact a similar organization in the United States.
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NAHB Regional Meeting in Texas Takes Up Low-Cost Housing Problem

The regional meeting of NAHB affiliates from Texas and Oklahoma, held in Fort Worth recently, drew over 200 builders from both states, and every chapter had at least 10 representatives present. A panel on low-cost housing, presided over by V. F. Buchek of San Antonio, was a feature event. Following the regional meeting in Fort Worth, a regional secretaries conference was held for two days at Dallas.

W. P. (Bill) Atkinson of Oklahoma City, regional NAHB vice president, opened the conference and set the theme for discussion of low-cost houses in the southwest. Participating in Buchek's panel were Roy Morgan, Tulsa; Oscar Seward III, Dallas; Roger Givens, Oklahoma City; Fred Searle, Amarillo; H. C. Thorman, San Antonio; Ed Dicker, Dallas; M. A. English, Dallas; Cameron Shropshire, Fort Worth; Sterling Hogan, Houston; C. L. Munday, Amarillo; Francis Morogh, Beaumont, and F. J. Burke, San Antonio.

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Tom Coogan of Miami, NAHB secretary, headed a panel on mortgage finance. Participating in this panel were Miles Strickland, Houston; Dow Zabolto, Houston; Dick Hughes, Pampa; Bob Adams, Tulsa; V. F. Buchek, San Antonio; E. P. Lamberth, Dallas; W. P. (Bill) Atkinson, Oklahoma City, regional NAHB vice president, opened the conference and set the theme for discussion of low-cost houses in the southwest. Participating in Buchek's panel were Roy Morgan, Tulsa; Oscar Seward III, Dallas; Roger Givens, Oklahoma City; Fred Searle, Amarillo; H. C. Thorman, San Antonio; Ed Dicker, Dallas; M. A. English, Dallas; Cameron Shropshire, Fort Worth; Sterling Hogan, Houston; C. L. Munday, Amarillo; Francis Morogh, Beaumont, and F. J. Burke, San Antonio.

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At the closing session, NAHB President, Milt Brock, complimented the Southwest on the lead it is taking in the work of the national association. About 30 presidents and secretaries of local chapters attended the regional secretaries council in Dallas. They discussed National Home Week plans.

Regional secretaries banquet in Dallas which followed the Fort Worth meeting. At head table standing, are Frank Cortright, NAHB executive vice president, Grover A. Godfrey, Dallas secretary; Milton J. Brock, NAHB president; W. P. (Bill) Atkinson, regional vice president, and Tom Coogan, secretary of NAHB.

National Home Week Gaining Momentum on National Scale

As the September 5 date for the start of National Home Week approaches, detailed plans are being completed by more and more chapters of NAHB, and the number of organizations participating locally has reached a proportion that gives national scope to the movement, as had been anticipated.

In Chicago, with the powerful Chicago Tribune behind the promotion, the Metropolitan Home Builders Association already has arranged for 75 homes to be completed and furnished by local stores. Another 50 will be completed, but unfurnished, and a third group will be shown in varying stages of construction.

The Long Island Home Builders Institute in New York is making similar plans. Cy Williams, public relations chairman, expects builders will have about 100 display homes in at least 60 different developments, about 40 of which will be furnished. Prices will range from $8,500 up.

Los Angeles and San Francisco, too, have big plans and the several associations of the Southwest in Texas and Oklahoma have pooled ideas to develop cooperative plans.

The public relations department of NAHB has sent out many suggestions which are being adopted and supplemented by local chapters.

The National Association of Real Estate Editors, which represents the largest newspapers and most important real estate pages all over the country, devoted its May-June bulletin to discussing National Home Week. All NAREE trustees are members of a committee for the week under the chairmanship of Conrad (Pat) Harness of the Washington Post.

National home and shelter magazines are evincing interest. Will Melthorn, building editor of House & Garden, has expressed commendation. Mary Davies Gillies, interior and architectural editor for McCall's Magazine, reports that publication will include a house in the September issue in support of the week.

Utah Builder Runs for Office

C. Taylor Burton, a director of the Utah Home Builders Association, is a candidate for the Utah State Senate on the Republican ticket. Mr. Burton is currently building low-cost houses in Salt Lake City. In 1942, he completed over 100 homes to sell under $6,000.
New Technical Service Department For NAHB Headed by Carl G. Lans

The National Association of Home Builders has established a new technical service department to aid home builders in solving construction problems. Prime object of the new department, according to Frank Cortright, executive vice president, is to develop the "economy house" which has been sponsored by the association.

The economy house, which varies in different regions, is being developed as the answer to the need for an acceptable house of good quality that can be built for less cost. It is not a stripped-down house, but complete.

Carl G. Lans of Arlington, Va., former assistant technical director in the Underwriting Division of FHA, will direct the new department. A native of Sweden, he was educated in New York public schools and attended the Engineering School of City College of New York and the School of Architecture at Columbia University. He worked 10 years for architectural and construction firms in New York, Miami and Los Angeles. He served FHA from 1938 until the present time. He is a registered architect and a member of the American Institute of Architects.

According to Mr. Lans, the department will collect data and suggestions from members of NAHB relating to cost savings in design and construction and will analyze these to report to the entire organization. It will study techniques of purchasing to find more economical methods of obtaining materials.

In close cooperation with the National Bureau of Standards, it will study the relative economic merits of various unconventional building materials. It also will analyze building codes and FHA minimum construction requirements, in cooperation with appropriate authorities, to help find ways of making effective revisions.

Various methods of cost accounting will be analyzed and the merits of the several systems reported to builder members. In cooperation with the AIA, it will seek to find a method of obtaining skilled architectural services at low cost.

The department also will assist in the organization of economy house committees in locals, and will initiate discussion panels among members of the locals, sub-contractors, building materials dealers and labor representatives to solicit cooperation of these groups in the economy house program.

NAHB Directors Fall Meeting Will Be in Los Angeles

NAHB Directors will meet in a combined Pacific Coast Conference and directors meeting in Los Angeles from October 3 to 9. It will be one of the most unusual NAHB meetings.

The two Los Angeles affiliates of the national will play host to directors from other parts of the country and are planning that the program will honor NAHB President Milt Brock, their fellow townsman, in addition to including plenty of working sessions.

Following the Los Angeles meeting, the San Francisco builders have invited the participants to that city to tour housing projects in the Bay area.

Seattle's Diversified Program Yields Good Labor Relations

The Seattle Master Builders Association years ago helped develop the escalator clause contract which has been very successful in eliminating labor difficulties in that area. There have been no labor strikes or serious jurisdictional disputes for years. Under the contract effective January 1, 1949, wage scales will be 13 cents higher than the present rate, based on Bureau of Labor statistics for March 1948. The wage raise is based on a cost of living index in effect nine months before the raise is paid. The association contributes $175 per month toward an apprentice program in which the Associated General Contractors and A. F. of L. carpenters also cooperate.

A small-homes plan bureau, developed by the association in cooperation with the American Institute of Architects is meeting ever increasing public response.

Recently the association arranged with news photographers to take pictures of builders' houses as samples of good construction.

Pittsburgh Area Home Week Committee

CO-CHAIRMEN of the National Home Week committee for the Allegheny County Home Builders Association in Pennsylvania are Fred Cook, Duquesne Light Co., and Charles Keenan, Equitable Gas Co. Here, at left, is Mr. Cook, with Ralph Scherger, association president, center, and Mr. Keenan, right.

E. B. T. To Lead New England Game

The New England Builders and Contractors Association will hold its annual meeting in Greggory, Minn., on October 15. F. A. O. H. Anderson, chairman of the Hotel Management Committee of HMA, will be the principal speaker.

Minneapolis Home Builders Plan Meeting

The Greater Minneapolis Builders Association will meet in Minneapolis, November 6-7, under the presidency of T. R. Willard, president of Home Builders Investment Co., Inc. The program will include topics of current interest throughout the nation.
Cortright's Column

By Frank W. Cortright

Executive Vice President, National Association of Home Builders of the United States

At just about mid-year, some home builder, somewhere, completed the two millionth house to be built since VJ Day.

This fact, which reflects the intense speed of building today, opens some interesting possibilities. It emphasizes, for one thing, that since last fall we have been building at the rate of a million houses a year.

Now the $128 question is: "What would happen if we continued to build a million houses a year for 10 years?"

There are some interesting answers to that one. Answers that will cut a lot of ground out from under public housing claims among other things. Answers that mean a lot better housing supply for America.

First, let's look at the statistics.

The usable housing supply at the end of this year is estimated at more than 34 million units. If we add 10 million units to that, here are some possibilities that would result:

- Nearly 4 1/2 million units for newly formed families.
- About 2 million units to permit undoubling and to establish the vacancy reserve.

About a half-million units for replacement of disaster loss and three million units for displacement of old dwellings.

This last is significant. It means that enough houses will be available to make it possible to eliminate three million slum dwellings.

It is estimated that these new families will be on the market with an average of about $128 per month income. This is a high figure for new families and means that the usable housing supply at the end of the year, plus 10 million units, will be just about enough to accommodate those families.

In other words, if our industry can maintain the pace it has set in recent months, we would be close to attaining the housing goals the "masterminds" tell us the nation needs. We would take care of our housing difficulties.

Now come the statisticians and economists who tell us that this process actually is under way. The only "if" in the picture is "if" we can keep up the record-smashing volume of recent months. That being the case, everyone from the humble one-or-two-houses-a-year carpenter-builder on up through the White House ought to be cracking their backs to see that conditions are maintained to permit us to keep up the pace.

The moral is obvious. Everybody—government, do-gooders, public housers and everybody else who wants to "solve" our housing problems—ought to line up with our industry and make an all-out effort to help us keep building at the rate we have set. We have maintained a rate of over 10 million units for 10 years, most of our housing difficulties would disappear.

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Along with this, we have had an encouraging growth in home ownership. It has spread almost equally through all income groups. Without counting farm homes in on the total, 51 per cent of our homes now are owner-occupied, a big jump over recent years.

So there we have it! We're building at a fast, stable rate that can work us out of housing troubles; we are turning out a superior, improved product; home ownership is increasing rapidly; we are approaching a condition where bad housing automatically will have to close up.

And some people say we aren't doing a good job!
Southern California Exposition Features Modern Home

The Construction Industries Home and Building Exposition of Southern California recently ended an 11 day run in Los Angeles. Milton J. Brock, NAHB president, was president of the huge show which was sponsored by 13 major construction associations.

Feature attraction was a $15,000 ultra-modern home constructed for display in the parkway opposite the exposition hall. Denver Markwith, Jr., and Lee B. Kline were architects, and Paul G. Evans was the builder.

In producing the home, builders combined many modern construction materials. Over the original wood frame structure, a plaster exterior was applied, with plaster interior featuring acoustical plastering in several of the ceilings. The roof was a white, heat reflecting composition. The car port was paved with asphaltic concrete and contained sufficient area for a complete turnaround.

Portland Builds “Blandings House”

PORTLAND’S version of Blandings Dream House nears completion as the time approaches for the Selznick movie, “Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House,” to be released in the Oregon city. Jack Matlack, of the theater which will show the film, chats with Paul Bonelli, superintendent for the Portland builders unit.

In the vicinity of Washington, D.C., a self-sustaining apprentice school for bricklayers and plasterers is teaching these trades to 140 young men in two-hour classes, two nights a week. The school was established by the Montgomery County sub-chapter of the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Washington.

The association provided funds to get the school started, but it now pays its own way. Space was made available for the school through the cooperation of the Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Board of Education.

NAHB Slum Clearance Publicity Creates Interest in Washington

The attention directed by NAHB toward the effectiveness with which Baltimore has been clearing slums by simple enforcement of building and health laws has aroused the interest of the Washington Board of Trade. The Board has recommended that a similar program be started in the District of Columbia.

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Chicagoland Festival

ONE of the most significant local adaptations of the National Home Week idea projected by NAHB is the ambitious program being undertaken in Chicago. Because of an unusual combination of opportunities and conditions, the Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders Association decided to become an integral part of a joint endeavor including the Chicago Tribune and the retail furniture and home furnishings dealers of the Chicago area.

The decision was made by the builders' Home Week committee when Nathan Manilow, president of the Chicago association, became a member of the Chicago Home Furnishings Council, and learned that the furniture dealers and the Chicago Tribune had already worked out partial plans for a furnishings festival to be held later than the date of National Home Week. Those plans presented the builders with a difficult problem in getting their demonstration homes furnished during the week of September 5. On the other hand, the furniture dealers had discovered no way of projecting their festival beyond temporary individual rooms to be built in their own stores and supplemented by window displays. Also, the Tribune recognized limitations in material for a month-long editorial promotion.

A joint meeting of the three principal factors was held, and the result is the Chicagoland Home and Home Furnishings Festival to be held from September 19 to October 21. A board of directors in charge of policies, ethics and arrangements includes home builders, retail lumber dealers, realtors, building material manufacturers, building financiers, retail furniture dealers, members of the State Street Council (department stores), executives of the Furniture Mart and executives of the Chicago Tribune.

A committee is selecting 50 to 75 houses from those submitted by builders, and an equal number of furniture dealers, and is matching the houses with the dealers. Prices of the homes range from less than $10,000 to $53,000, and they are located in all parts of the Chicago area. An interior decorating firm has been retained in an advisory capacity to keep the amount and cost of furniture and furnishings consistent with the price and size of each house. The Tribune is preparing a special home and home furnishings supplement for Sunday, September 19. More than 100 roughed-in houses and complete but unfurnished houses will be demonstrated for the purpose of showing concealed materials and new building techniques.

If, as seems likely, the Festival is the outstanding success that is expected, it should do more to encourage continuing purchases of homes, and to raise the standards of home furnishings than anything thus far attempted by a group of related industries acting as an educational and promotional unit in the home building field. Even if it falls short of expectations this year, the Chicago Festival is setting a new pattern of cooperative effort in the interest of showing the public what is available in new homes and home furnishings, and what private enterprise is accomplishing free of the dead hand of public housing and government controls.
Better design and more efficiency can be developed through study of living habits of today's families. Time and motion studies suggested

Dressing room adjoining bath provides space for storage units. Judicious use of mirrors adds depth and enhances beauty of both the rooms.

Bathroom Layouts Need Revamping

An important factor in determining the value of a new house is the size, location, and number of bathrooms the house contains, and the quality of its plumbing. Yet the bathroom remains the most stereotyped room in point of design in the American home. Years of research and development by manufacturers have produced fixtures which make the bath beautiful, but experience shows that to be satisfactory a bathroom must also be efficient in use. The need today is for greater flexibility in design, and more careful planning of the space available. Not only should the placement of fixtures be well worked out but the fullest possible use made of the space if the bathroom is to fill its multiple roles efficiently.

"Bathrooms should be designed to meet the situation of the people who use them," was the consensus of women interviewed by the Eljer Co. on what women wanted in bathrooms. "What we need," a summary of their opinions states, "are more time and motion studies—of mother bathing a baby, and daughter getting ready for a date. Although there are few rooms where luxury is more appropriate, most families must stress the usefulness of their bathrooms. The family with one bathroom needs different facilities from the family with several, and the cottage and/or apartment bath need not copy the compactness of a hotel."

It was at the turn of the century that plumbing was brought in from the orchard, and the bathroom became an indispensable part of the American home. In old homes, spare bedrooms and hall ends were transformed into baths. In every new home, a small amount of space was allotted to the new room. Little thought was given to functional design. Housewives gloried in the gleaming white bathtub, and the American philosophy of personal hygiene was born.

In the years which have elapsed, the importance of personal hygiene has been nurtured by soap manufacturers and physicians alike. Not only is cleanliness a social must, but a health measure as well. As a result, the Saturday night bath has become a daily occurrence and social America the most fragrant society in the world.

All this has increased traffic into the bathroom to such proportions that the bath and a half are rapidly becoming standard specifications in the average home. This increased footage of floor space allotted to bathrooms
does not necessarily increase the usefulness of the individual bath, since the basic bathroom plan continues to follow the standardized pattern adopted at the century's turn. The full bath is still granted the least amount of space; 5 feet by 7 feet being the accepted minimum. One of the most expensive rooms because of the cost of plumbing fixtures, it continues to be one of the most wasteful since occupancy is limited to one person at a time. As one authority states, "In designing the bath it is often forgotten that maximum economy of space is not necessarily good planning, or even good economy in the long run."

The solution lies in discarding the idea that the bath is a fixed room of a standard size and type. Forthwith flexibility in design is obtained, and the way opened to incorporate some features which reason dictates (and women request) be included in a bathroom.

One important feature is ample storage facilities. Not only space for storing towels but for the inclusion of cosmetics, toilet tissue, cleansers, hot water bottles, shoe shine units, and bathroom scales. Even in minimum bathrooms storage space can be devised by setting the lavatory in a base cabinet or including a built-in wall cabinet. If the lavatory is installed against the outside wall, the counter can be extended the width of the room to include a dressing table, with cupboard and drawer space below. In the spacious bathroom, a storage cabinet might be installed at the open end of the tub.

Other suggested conveniences appropriate to the bath include space for hanging clothes; a place to sit; a built-in electric heater for chilly mornings and drying hair, and the installation of some type of ventilator.

Coved corners for easy cleaning; easy-to-clean wall surfaces; a grip rail over the tub; counter space around or above lavatory; a door lock that is self-opening from inside; good lighting correctly placed; plenty of towel racks (not over the tub), and a good-sized window, also not over the tub, are design details women consider essential.

This latter practice of putting the tub beneath the window is the number one flaw in contemporary bathrooms. Not only is it drafty for the bather but inconvenient when windows are raised or curtains are to be hung.

The essence of a good plan is the proper arrangement of fixtures in the allotted space for convenience in use at a minimum of cost. The wide variety of wall and floor materials for bathrooms currently available makes this kind of plan more feasible than heretofore. One ingenious design separates the fixtures into compartments. Thus the different units can be used simultaneously by two or three persons with complete privacy. The plan lends itself to various treatments. In some homes a compact bathroom and separate dressing room are adjoining. In others, the bathtub and overhead shower are in one room and the lavatory and water closet in an adjoining room. Still another arrangement is to have the bathtub and overhead shower in one room with a powder or washroom on either side. This layout is the equivalent of two bathrooms.
Today's bathrooms are often criticized as being too small. While size is a factor, the trouble is very often awkward arrangement of fixtures. A large bathroom, poorly laid out, can be inconvenient, while a moderate-size bathroom with fixtures arranged for easy access can offer maximum efficiency in use.

The plans shown are presented to stimulate new thinking and introduce new notes in bathroom layouts. The plumbing fixtures are arranged for economy of installation and maximum utility within the limitations of the individual room. The layouts eliminate waste space and provide sufficient clearance between fixtures. They also illustrate how windows should be placed to give proper light and ventilation.

In planning bathrooms, the Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau suggests the following ideas be considered:

While the bathroom should be placed where it is most convenient, a saving in piping costs can be effected by placing it directly above the kitchen, or, in a one-story home, back to back with the kitchen. Avoid, if possible, having any fixtures against an outside wall where severe cold weather might freeze and break the pipes.

The recommended size for the family bathroom is 6 feet by 8 feet, and no bathroom should be less than 5 feet wide. Space between fixtures should be no less than 6 inches. The lavatory, being the most beautiful fixture, should be located directly opposite the opened door, if possible. The toilet should be placed in the most secluded part of the room.

The bathroom door should be 28 inches wide and swing into the room; one that swings out is awkward. A 24 inch door will do but is often mistaken for a closet.

Provide ample space for storing linens; a medicine cabinet with a good-sized mirror, and plenty of light both artificial and daylight.

While a bathroom should be placed for convenience in use, a saving in piping costs can be effected by placing it directly above the powder room in a two story house, or, in a one-story home, back to back with kitchen. Fixtures by Kohler.
AN idea gaining acceptance, which is really a glamourized version of the old-fashioned pitcher and wash basin custom, is to install lavatories in bedrooms. This plan is efficient when modernizing for more plumbing facilities, or designing for teen-agers.

THIS pinst-sized bathroom designed by Crane Co. requires only a 6x5 foot space. The secret is corner lavatory and small low tub, 42x31 inches. Tub is ideal for shower receptor and for wee tots. Adults can take sit-down bath too.

LAVATORIES in bedrooms complete this bathroom-between-bedroom arrangement in remodeled home.

THESE floor plans illustrate economical arrangement of fixtures in the minimum-size bathroom. Concentrating all the outlets on one wall results in economy of piping. When door faces window across room, install tub to face lavatory and closet from end walls. Note that while bathrooms are small, tubs are not set under the windows.

POSITION of doors and windows determines the location of fixtures. Here is an example of how door to powder room, awkwardly placed, wastes space and results in unhandy fixture arrangement. Note layout improvement when door is re-located.
Today, manufacturers of bathroom fixtures are not only broadening their lines, but they are producing complete lines in a wide variety of distinctive styles and price levels to meet varying requirements. While no radical innovations in design are noted, the latest models offer the ultimate in convenience and efficiency.

The use of flat space on all fixtures is a new practical feature. Bathtubs have broad, flat rims; flat space is emphasized in new lavatories, and even water closets have ample flat space to conform to the new trend. As a safety measure, new bathtubs are lower and the bottoms are flat.

In selecting fixtures, strength and durability plus ease of cleaning are factors to consider. Quality is another. One manufacturer cites the

American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp. fixtures are featured in this new-style bathroom. Note the one-piece water closet which is a recent development by manufacturers

Kohler of Kohler here demonstrates a simple, practical arrangement to use floor space of moderate size. Free access is provided to all facilities. Note well-placed facilities for storage.

Modern bathroom furnishings combine beauty of design with utility and durability.

This suggested floor plan and perspective of a modern bathroom was prepared by the Briggs Manufacturing Company. Note the new style fixtures that are flat in conformance with the trend to increase utility.
availability of two qualities of porcelain—one, regular, and the other, stainproof. By selecting a stainproof enameled bathtub you can assure your prospective buyer a tub that will be easy to clean and free from stains for the life of the house.

A shower either over the tub or in a compartment is virtually a must feature in new homes. For modernization, special types of showers can be installed without marring the walls. Shower cabinets, too, are suitable for modernization and can be installed in spaces as small as 32 inches square and 72 inches high.

Lavatories may be wall hung or have chromium or glass legs. Towel bars are sometimes an integral part of the legs or are attached to the sides. A recent innovation is the vanity lavatory. This consists of a lavatory encased in a cabinet which may be used to store toilet articles.

Because of its hygienic importance the water closet should be selected with the utmost care. The prevention of back siphonage has been given most careful attention by designers. Two major improvements in water closet design are the quiet operation feature and the fixture so designed it can be produced in a single unit—tank and seat in one piece.

There are three types of water closet bowls: the siphon jet, the reverse trap, and the washdown. They differ in the size of the water bowl, the trapway, and the depth of seal.

An optional fixture is the dental lavatory for washing teeth.
IT IS not too difficult today to go back in our thinking to the period of the last war. At that time bathroom installations in new and remodeled homes, through necessity, included accessories of plastic or unfinished metal. They were a constant source of irritation to the owner, both in operation and appearance. Compare them now with the beautiful chrome-finished fixtures that are being produced in quantity today. The verdict will be that accessories of all types play a very important part in creating client satisfaction, and in complementing the other fixtures.

For the purpose of this article, reference to accessories include medicine cabinets, towel bars, fittings of all kinds, shower heads and doors, toilet seats, and bathtub hangers. Because requirements for accessories are as varied as the types of residential construction, the leading manufacturers offer a complete line in a wide range of quality and price. Accessories are made in solid brass, nickel- and chrome-plated for the finest trade. Others are functional in design, and offer strength and beauty at low cost.

The added convenience of a separate shower stall in the bathroom is finding increasing favor with builders. This arrangement can take the form of a built-in unit which is part of the plan structure with metal frames and doors of metal and translucent glass. It can also be the type that is manufactured as a complete unit and is installed in new or old homes without special treatment to walls or floor.

SHOWER stall with Vitrolite glass facing. Gullspay door is glazed with patterned translucent glass. Libby-Owens-Ford Co. Weisway cabinet showers are easily installed without special treatment to walls, floors. Henry Weis Manufacturing Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Proper and adequate accessories and fittings add distinction and convenience to the bathroom, providing discerning builders with an effective selling medium.

A HANGER that anchors tub to wall is manufactured by the Titewall Hanger Co., Chicago, Ill. Hanger is easy to install.


ABOVE is a reproduction of display of Lawson bathroom cabinet with light fixtures, and Puritan line of chrome accessories. Lawson Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

SPEAKMAN Co.'s pressure valve; Illinois Porcelain Co. accessories. Clothes hook and soap holder made by Marsh Products.
Built-in features used singly or in conjunction with mirrors add greatly to the attractiveness and usefulness of bathroom

HOW often Mr. Builder, have you heard it said, "There's not enough cabinet space available". This has been true to a great extent, particularly as it applies to the bathroom. In all fairness to the builder, however, excessive construction costs has made necessary a paring down to the bare essentials.

The emphasis in the modern home of today is more and more toward built-in fixtures that become an integral part of the room equipment. In the simplest arrangement, it often takes the form of the cabinet that is placed over the lavatory as a general catch-all. Then again, it may include the more elaborate type setup, such as a built-in counter with storage space below, towel and storage cupboards, and decorative open shelves with recessed lighting effects. The need for additional storage space is imperative because of the many activities that are carried on in this room.

In the production of bathroom storage fixtures, manufacturers today have centered their activity on a number of basic units, chief of which is the medicine cabinet placed in the wall above the lavatory. This fixture, which has been the bathroom standard bearer for years, has undergone some drastic changes.

Extension of storage and utility areas, beyond the scope of the basic units described, has largely been a custom-made job. The built-in drawers, cupboards and counters illustrated are now being produced in both wood and metal in quantity. Built-in units of this character, used in conjunction with mirrors and glazed tile surfaces, add greatly to the modern bathroom.

BATHROOM is almost walled-in with glass. Colored Vitrolite used with wood cabinets

BATHROOM installations. Storage provided by built-in cabinets. Fixtures at left by Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau

COMPLETE dressing room facilities provided in bathroom above. Fixtures by the Kohler Manufacturing Co., Kohler, Wis.
AN interesting arrangement of fixtures are shown above. Projecting counter extends along lavatory wall, with stub walls providing separation between fixtures. The Mirro-Glo cabinet above the lavatory has fluorescent side fixtures with plastic light diffusers that reduce glare.

SPACE-SAVING ideas make this smartly-styled bath-dressing room combination by American-Standard, ideally suited for simultaneous use by two persons. The dressing area at left is built around the lavatory. The sliding towel rack is an innovation that assures quick drying when the rack is extended in front of the recessed Sunrad radiator.

AMPLE storage space for personal articles are made available in the two side compartments of the Miami-Carey Imperial cabinet. The recessed mirror in the center portion is illuminated by indirect lighting behind opal glass panel.

THROUGH the abundance of drawers, counters and storage areas, this bathroom cares for every possible need. An interesting feature is the two-way closet which can be opened either from the bathroom or the adjoining bedroom.
ALTHOUGH it is the smallest room in the house, the bathroom probably has more new features per square inch than any other room in the average home of today. Manufacturers of bathtubs and other fixtures started a definite trend, when they designed their equipment with an eye to beauty and color as well as to space and time-saving convenience. Since then architects and designers have given greater consideration to the selection of bathroom wall and floor materials.

A wealth of material, both for floors and walls, is now available. The manufacturer has placed at the disposal of the builder a large number of patterns in a wide range of color. Every need and requirement of a client, with respect to quality, style and price, can now be met. The wide range of materials offer unlimited possibilities for individual expression. These extend from patterned wall papers, finished with washable plastic, to the various types of linoleums, asphalt and rubber tiles, through the large selection of tiles, ceramics, structural glass and mirrors.

An interesting fact that is often overlooked, when determining the type of floor and wall surfaces to be used, is that a combination of materials may be used with perfect freedom. In the majority of cases such combinations are preferred. It tends to lighten the appearance of the room, and is a distinct departure from the usual clinical approach to bathroom decoration. A method that has been successfully used in a great many cases is to employ glazed materials that are impervious to water around the tub, shower and lavatory, and then introduce materials of a softer texture on the balance of the walls. This avoids the hard metallic appearance that so often occurs with use of only one material.

Manufacturers and builders alike are looking with anticipation at the vast number of outmoded houses that exist in every community throughout the country. The owners of these houses are making a mental comparison between the old Keene's cement wainscot, plastered walls and old style fixtures of the bathroom that has served them so well and long and between the present day, colorful creations that can be seen in most new houses.

In this anticipated market, only a minimum of effort would have to be expended to produce the desired results. The new surfaces can be applied directly over the old walls. New floors can be applied in a similar manner. With the use of these new products, the job of giving the old bathroom the "new look" is greatly simplified.
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Built-in bathroom heaters are now available in a large range of types and sizes. These units add much to the value of bathrooms when auxiliary heat may be needed.

Above is a typical built-in bathroom heater installation. The unit is electrically operated, manufactured by Electromode Corporation. The electrical unit at right is manufactured by Philip Carey Manufacturing Company.

The large unit above is made by the Frank Adam Electric Co. and like other such units, can be thermostatically controlled. Other built-in bathroom unit heaters that operate by gas are on the market.

Auxiliary built-in heat for bathrooms adds considerably to the usability and comfort of those rooms, especially during seasons when the central heating plant is not being operated. A number of manufacturers now produce units suitable for use in bathrooms. They may be operated by electricity or gas. The safety and convenience factors involved in having the heaters built in as part of the standard bathroom equipment should never be underestimated by any home builder. A bathroom thus equipped has a "plus" feature which will appeal to the future buyer or occupant, and can be an economical sales aid to the speculative or operative builder.

It is not economical nor practical to operate a central heating plant to warm a bathroom sufficiently to bath an infant. Mothers without a built-in bathroom heater must either operate the kitchen range oven long enough to warm the kitchen to the correct temperature, or move a portable heating unit to the bathroom and use that during the months the child must have above average room heat for the morning bath.

The units are also invaluable when a small amount of heat is desired to bring bathroom temperature up for a morning shower. Older persons who require more heat always appreciate the convenience and comfort of an easy way to raise bathroom temperature.

The time to install a bathroom heater is when the house is being constructed. Wiring, piping, flues or any of the other supplemental features required for efficient operation of a unit can be installed economically to work at maximum efficiency during the regular course of construction. Many built-in bathroom heaters which can be thermostatically controlled are now on the market.
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Planned for Informal Living

This month's blueprint house comes from the office of Walter T. Anicka, architect, Ann Arbor, Mich. The house follows the trend popularized by this young designer, a trend which has had widespread acceptance from the building public.

Most people like the modern ranch-type house in a modified form. They like the comfort and convenience that such a house gives them with its close relationship and overlapping functions of room areas. Large glass surfaces, now being used with greater frequency, have added an attractive appeal to home owners. Large windows give occupants a sense of freedom within the house and a clear view of surroundings.

The modern ranch house, with all rooms on one floor and with its low, rambling effect, has captured the imagination of the American public. This type of house is being built in increasing numbers in all sections of the country. In some areas, the flat-roof type without a basement is preferred because of climatic conditions. In other parts, a modified form of the ranch house with gently sloping roof, such as the one shown herein, is preferred. In either case, the consensus of opinion is that a ranch house eliminates stair climbing and concentrates all activities on one floor.

An examination of Anicka’s plan indicates that the service units have been oriented toward the street front, with the living portion and the main bedrooms facing toward the garden in the rear. Circulation throughout the house is unusual. From the reception hall, access to all rooms is possible without using any one room as a traffic artery.

An unusual feature is the two-way fireplace that forms a division between living and dining room. The opening in this fireplace extends through so that it can be used in either room. The over-sized kitchen provides ample space for food preparation and storage, informal eating and laundry facilities. A small but efficient utility room adjoins the kitchen. This house with its compact plan arrangement is small enough so that it can be built on a normal-sized city lot.
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BRANCH CIRCUITS

1. 20 AMP (2 P) TO CONVENIENCE OUTLETS IN KITCHEN, LAUNDRY & DINING AREAS

2. 20 AMP (2 P) TO ALL OTHER CONVENIENCE OUTLETS

3. 20 AMP 3-WIRE TO RANGE

4. 20 AMP TO FURNACE

5. 20 AMP TO AUTOMATIC WASHER

6. SPARE TERMINATIONS

DOOR SCHEDULE

1. ALL DOORS 2 7/8" UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN

2. ALL CLOSET DOORS 1 3/4" PLYWOOD

3. UTILITY ROOM DOORS ASBESTOS COVERED ON INSIDE ONLY

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"
Modern Design—Traditional Mellowness

Restrained contemporary styling with modern materials produces a house that will fit into either a very modern or traditional colonial development.

ANY who believe that traditional and modern have no common ground will find this mistaken belief disproved in this three-level house of contemporary design. Modern in style, although not ultra-modern, it embodies the use of modern materials and equipment, cleverly employed. Yet it has the mellowness most commonly associated with traditional architecture.

Of ranch-type style with a western feeling, it was designed by eastern architects and nestles comfortably on a middle terrace on a Connecticut hillside. If the alleged New England conservatism has had any effect, it is only to induce sufficient restraint to avoid the extremes of modern design that could have made the house unsuited to its particular location.

Owned by R. W. Chamberlain, vice president in charge of sales for The Stanley Works at New Britain, Conn., it was designed by the architectural firm of Moore & Salsbury of West Hartford. It was built by Haddon N. Larson of Southington and decorated by Harrold de Groff of Berlin, Conn.

There are four large bedrooms and a fifth that can serve as a maid's room or nursery. The large living room and dining room can be separated by...
an accordion door, but usually open into each other. Kitchen and laundry are combined on the ground level—a modern preference.

The exterior of the house is of rough, white-pine boards with batten strips, applied vertically to give a vertical accent to the horizontal design. Roof is of red cedar shingles. The sidewalls are finished in a soft gray with contrasting trim. Supporting the structure is a solid, poured-concrete foundation.

The wrap-around windows at the corners of the two center-level bedrooms, and all other windows in the house, are made from gliding sash which runs easily in a track and can be instantly removed. The large windows in living room and dining room have fixed sash in the center with gliding windows at each side.

The exterior rear wall beneath the bedrooms, seen in one of the photos, and the fireplace in the living room are of native Bolton stone. The fireplace rises full width, clear to the ceiling with a simple wooden accent replacing the usual conventional mantel.

Walls of the living room and entrance hall are of comb-grained, striated plywood, finished in a soft blue-green. At the right of the fireplace a concealed door leads to the utility room. This door is opened by a simple pressure.

Ceiling lighting in the living room and in the dining room is recessed, leaving ceilings flush.

The kitchen is large, planned to be lived in. It has sufficient space for a dinette set, and the combination dishwasher-clotheswasher serves both kitchen and laundry. Kitchen ceiling is acoustical tile. A niche, opening in the wall between kitchen and living room, makes the telephone accessible from either without need for an extension.

The linen closet in the hall, and closets in the bathrooms and bedrooms have sliding doors.

The house is heated by forced hot water circulated through convectors. The heater unit also furnishes domestic hot water.
LARGE windows in living and dining rooms at rear look out on an excellent view. Photo shows three-level arrangement.

BRANDED EQUIPMENT USED
Russell & Irwin locks
Stanley Blue Ribbon cabinet hardware
Stanley ball-bearing olive-knuckle hinges on interior doors
Stanley Swing-up Garage Door Hardware
Knape & Vogt sheaves and track on sliding closet doors
Anderson Gilding windows
Modernfold door
GE forced, hot water heater
Minneapolis-Honeywell controls
Tuttle & Bailey convectors
Standard-Sanitary fixtures
Universal electric range
Thor combination clothes-dishwasher

THIS house is a three-level design. Entrance hall, lavatory, two bedrooms and bath, at left in upper plan, are half a story below remaining bedrooms and maid’s room; half a story above the living room, dining room and kitchen shown in lower floor plan. At the left: The owner insists every door should have three hinges—all his have
Special attention to bathroom plans, finishes and equipment is proving especially profitable for this successful home builder.

Modern bathrooms, offering plumbing conveniences beyond the comprehension of yesterday's kings, are all-important items in the Gerholz Community Homes Development in Flint, Mich. And to merchandising-minded Robert P. Gerholz, nationally known builder, they are paying off.

Gleaming and efficient, the modern bathroom represents to this alert builder a focal point for fast selling. He is endowing it with pleasing appearance and equipping it with the most convenient accessories. "Built-in sun lamps, heaters, electric shaver holders, glass stall showers, and glass block walls are standard equipment in bathrooms in the 250-house Mott Park development on the northwest side of Flint."

Measuring 5x7 feet, the bath units show careful planning, and offer their multitude of conveniences without crowding. The first impression they give is that of sparkling cleanliness and cheerful daylight. A panel of glass block over the tub introduces daylight, which is reflected from the tile walls and floor and the gleaming plumbing fixtures.

Transparent but not transparent, the glass block permits perfect privacy and enhances the fresh modern decor of the room. The block was also chosen because it is easily cleaned, is impervious to moisture, and minimizes cold downdrafts. The glass block panels have high insulation value principally because each block is hollow and contains a partial vacuum. A ventilator set in the panel provides adequate ventilation during hot weather.

All bathrooms in the Mott Park development are fitted with recessed towel cabinets, medicine cabinets with mirror doors, built-in electric heaters (with fan) that double as hair and hosiery dryers, recessed ceiling sun lamps, and electric shaver rests with retractable wires.

A tub with shower is standard equipment, but square tubs with seats or separate tub and shower stall will be installed if desired. This is accomplished by appropriating space from adjoining rooms. The flexible plan permits installation of an additional half or full bathroom on the upper floor at extra cost.

This flexibility is applied to the two basic house plans used in Mott Park and has endowed the development with distinctive individuality. The essential design is "Colonial Cottage," but 18 variations allow the purchaser to "have the kind of a house he wants." The traditional over-all monotony of large housing developments is eliminated. Gables, dormers and bay windows are the alterations most frequently requested.
THE interesting gable and garage treatment is shown in photo above. Bathrooms in these houses feature glass block panels in the bathrooms, illustrated at right. Note ventilator installed just below the top course of block. Glass in the ventilator is frosted. This type of installation eliminates need for curtains on the window. Below, right, is typical house according to Gerholz's experiences.

The basic designs, executed by Charles Noble, Detroit architect, have been developed within a framework of standardized building methods and materials. The general procedure of work embraces the experience of Gerholz's 25 years as builder and housing authority.

The houses are "engineered" to accommodate standard materials and equipment and are fabricated on the site rather than prefabricated or pre-

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Only difference in exterior of Blietz' "Blanding's Dream House" and original Hollywood version is that position of front door and window are reversed.
Close coordination and supervision of labor and materials enables builder to beat own time schedule in completing the adaptation of the screen version of "Blanding's Dream House"

In 45 working days, an adaptation of "Blanding's Dream House" has been completed by Irving A. Blietz, Chicago builder.

The house, two miles from downtown Evanston, Ill., is centrally located in Williamsburg Village, a residential park of 102 homes now being developed by Blietz. The "Dream House," on a 145x72 foot lot, is priced at $39,500.

Except for minor changes, it is a duplicate of the house built for the movie, "Mr. Blanding Builds His Dream House." Currently, 60 adaptations of the original Hollywood version of Blanding's Dream House have been completed in various cities.

Originally, Blietz planned to complete the house in 58 days. By close coordination and supervision of men and materials, he was able to cut 13 days from the schedule; to complete the house, furnish it, and to have all landscaping done. On the 46th day, the house was ready to open for visitors; even the grass was in the lawns.

Concrete footings for the house are 12 inches thick; 24 inches wide. Walls of the foundation are concrete. The first floor slab is reinforced concrete joist, carrying a 2½-inch concrete slab with reinforcing mesh. A Bruce block, parquet floor is laid over the concrete floors.

Wood joist and Bruce flooring is installed on the second floor. Dry wall construction was used throughout. Two layers of ½-inch gypsum board was applied, the second layer laminated to the first. Roofing is 210 pound asphalt shingles. Gutters and downspouts are 26-gauge galvanized iron.

The kitchen is equipped with General Electric all-steel, white-enameded kitchen cabinets, a Disposall unit, G.E. dishwasher, range, and refrigerator. Kohler plumbing fixtures are used throughout the house, with vitreous china lavatories. Heating is provided by an oil-fired G.E. winter air conditioning unit. The house was furnished by Wilson-Jump furniture store, Chicago.
THIS modern one-story house, located in West Palm Beach overlooking Lake Worth, is one of many similar homes designed and built by David S. Hammond of the same city. The builder calls it a California modern-type home.

The house has a number of excellent features that combine to make it extremely practical and interesting. In its design, consideration was given first to the prevailing tropical temperatures. This problem was overcome by increasing the ceiling height in the center area or living room. The added height gives better circulation as well as providing an attractive architectural feature for the center portion of the house. Further protection against the sun's rays is obtained by the deep entrance porch on one side and the screened and glazed loggia on the other side of the living room.

Entrance to the house is through double doors framed in glass blocks opening on a large living room. A fireplace, faced with black tile, has a mirror extending from mantel to ceiling. Large picture windows on both outside walls overlook the lake and patio. The outside wall of the adjoining loggia is enclosed with sliding French doors in addition to screens. Exposed wood ceiling beams and roof boards provide a rustic appearance in this room.

The house contains two bedrooms and a maid's room, each with their own private bath finished in colored tile. The maid's bath is completely enclosed with 6x6 glass blocks. Metal doors and frames with frosted glass designs enclose each shower. These

PLAN arrangement is ideally suited to tropical climate. Two extended wings and concrete wall form a secluded patio. Typical exterior wall section shown at right
for Cool, Comfortable Living

Rooms are heated with 5000-watt electric heaters. The kitchen, which is generous in size, is arranged so that dining service can be extended into the loggia and patio.

The exterior walls of the house are constructed of 8-inch thick concrete blocks placed on reinforced concrete footings. The exterior surfaces of walls above grade are covered with cement stucco. The inside face of the walls is furred and plastered. Metal lath is used as a plaster base for all ceilings. Columns supporting the roof over the entrance porch are built up of concrete blocks. Steel reinforcing rods are inserted in the block voids and filled with concrete. Exterior surface of columns are finished with cement stucco.

The house is basementless with a 6-inch thick concrete slab poured over asphalt roll roofing that is placed on top of the prepared ground surface of the entire floor area. Top of slab is covered with a coat of tar, with 2x2 cypress sleepers secured to concrete with mastic. Finished oak flooring is nailed to sleepers. This construction provides a moisture, termite and sag proof floor.
Houses Demonstrate

"Four Degrees" of Electrical Living

Quartet of builders carry out new home planning concept developed by the Westinghouse Electric Corp. to include an "electrical package" in new homes of varying price brackets. Public response has been enthusiastic.

Thrift House

The Thrift House was built by Joseph Balboni in a development of small homes. It is priced at $12,000 with $950 of this for the electrical package. There is a living room, kitchen, laundry, utility room, bath and one bedroom on the first floor with an expansion attic for another large bedroom in the future. It includes what is considered the minimum degree of electrical living. Has eight circuits and 50 electric outlets.

Electrically equipped with range, refrigerator, automatic washer, ironer, kitchen ventilator, water heater and fluorescent under-cabinet lighting in kitchen.
FOUR degrees of electrical living, embodying four different "packages" of electrical installations and appliances, have been developed in the "Community Homes" project in Hartford, Conn., by Westinghouse Electric Corp.

The project results from a new concept in home planning, worked out by A. Carl Bredahl, manager of Westinghouse's Better Homes Bureau. It is designed to show that artistic design and scientific planning can be combined in new homes for any reasonable income bracket. All that is needed is cooperation between architect and builder, Bredahl avers.

In Hartford, four different homes have been built by as many builders, each differently designed by Architect Royal Barry Wills for different cost brackets. Carr & Cunningham of Cleveland served as coordinating architects. Designs all are traditional because this style of architecture is most accepted in Connecticut, and the purpose was to concentrate on supplying a suitable electric package for each house. The same principle can be applied in equipping any type of home for any section of the country. Lighting designs are by Myrtle Fahs-bender, director of home lighting for Westinghouse.

The Hartford houses range in price from $12,000 to $25,000 and include electrical "packages" ranging from $950 to $2,064. The project was handled in this manner to emphasize that any one of the four degrees of electrical living can be adapted to any one of the houses, or to any other

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Exemplifying the second degree of electrical living is the Budget House which includes a $1,100 electrical package in the $17,000 purchase price. Built by John S. Giuca and his three sons, it has a first floor area of 1,050 square feet with two bedrooms, one of which can be used for a dining room if desired. Unfinished attic has space for two future bedrooms and bath. There is a full basement.

Electrical equipment is served by 12 circuits and 87 outlets. Electric appliances include a range, refrigerator, automatic washer and clothes dryer, ironer, kitchen ventilator, 80 gallon water heater, bathroom heater, sterilamps in forced hot-air ducts to destroy bacteria in the air, fluorescent lighting under kitchen cabinets.
The four classifications have been designated, "Thrift," "Budget," "Ideal" and "De Luxe."

The houses are not "model homes" in the usual sense of the word. Each is built as a part of a development by an operative builder. The response of the public is encouraging the builders to adapt some of the electrical ideas to other houses they are putting up in their developments.

The Hartford Electric Co., which is co-sponsor of the undertaking with Westinghouse, reports a tremendous interest in the packaged electric installations on the part of the public. One Hartford bank immediately advertised that it would include the package in mortgages that it wrote. Indications are that other banks will follow suit.

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This house has more circuits than the previous, and 123 outlets—43 more than usually installed in a house of its size. It includes all the electrical equipment mentioned for the Budget House—much of it in a larger capacity—and has additional equipment, including a waste-disposal unit in kitchen sink. Special cove lighting and recessed indirect lighting in the dining room is decorative as well as useful.

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De Luxe House

THE top-bracket De Luxe House was built by Amedee Houle and Delphis Gaumond of the firm, Ideal Builders. A $2,064 electrical package is wrapped up in the $25,500 price.

Including all the electrical appliances listed for the Ideal House in large capacity, it has additional electrically operated conveniences. There is a home freezer to supplement the 10 cubic-foot refrigerator-freezer. A precipitron fits into the air conditioning system to clean out dust and pollen from the forced-air ducts. Cornice lighting in the dining room, lighted bookshelves and wall niches add to the decor.

House has 163 outlets included in electrical package as well as 20 circuits.
Behind the Scenes
In a Power Tool Factory

Atomic age technology—skilled craftsmanship and modern machinery produce today's power tools—important items of builder's equipment aiding private industry in completing a million homes this year

THE role power tools will play in the attainment of one million completed homes this year cannot be minimized. Extensive use of power tools—saws, drills, sanders, grinders, and others—and the efficiency they add to production are evident on nearly every home construction job throughout the country. Their continued and more extensive use is assured. Behind the production of these tools is a story of perpetual research and skilled craftsmanship.

An inspection of a modern power tool factory reveals, first of all, a long line of drafting boards and busy technicians; this, before the factory proper is reached. Much transpires before the tools are made, and it is in this engineering department that power tools are born. New ideas, improvements, and changes go across the drawing boards every day.

Before the casting, cutting and assembly machines are reached, there is a line of machines that make the average power tool user would not think about—machines that make the machines that make the tools. The factory owner will call these machines "non-productive"—even though the factory paid $41,000 for one of them.

"But," the factory owner will say, "only by spending money for such equipment can we guarantee precision-built quality products."

These machines enable the manufacturer to have a complete interchangeability of productive machine parts in his factory. An exact duplicate of a casting finished on one of his machines 10 years ago, for instance, can be produced today.

On the expansive ground floor of the production end of the factory are automatic boring machines that do seven or eight cutting operations simultaneously, completing 60 castings an hour. Fourteen large automatic screw machines will run the factory's output.
THREE batteries of multiple-boring machines drill and tap castings held firmly in jigs during the operation. The jigs are made by the "non-productive" machines. Each unit in the battery is equipped with a different drill or tool so the operator moves from unit to unit rather than changing drills for each operation.

INSPECTOR examines power tool part under Projection Comparator. Instrument measures linear degrees up to one tenth of a thousandth inch in comparing parts.

METALS are tempered to right degree of hardness in heat treating department. Equipment is fully electric, automatic and assures uniformity of the precision parts.

CASTINGS move along to another operation stage before going to the assembly line where women workers put the various parts together with speed and skill.

COMPLETED power tools emerge from the assembly line where women, because of their dexterity in handling small parts, are employed to assemble the machines.

ABRASIVE BELTS for sanders are cut in lengths on pneumatic-operated machine developed by factory. Belting is bought in mile lengths by power tool producers 24 hours per day without supervision. It takes from two to eight hours to set up the screw machines. After that, they do the job alone.

In the center of the factory, housed in a separate small frame room with large glass windows, is a Projection Comparator. This is a valuable testing instrument that measures linear degrees up to one tenth of a thousandth inch; angular measurements up to one minute of a degree. A small gear from a power tool may be put into this machine, magnified 100 times and be accurately compared to the master gear it duplicates. This is one of 15 inspections each power tool averages before it leaves the plant.

CLEANLINESS of the plant is important to the morale of the personnel. The factory representative of this plant is proud of a recent statement by a manufacturer who exclaimed, "This factory is cleaner than many food processing plants I've seen."

After having passed the heat treating department, briefly watched the polishing department put satin finishes on raw castings, noticed the methodical precision of the assembly line workers, and watched power tools roll out on final inspection tables, the viewing of all stages is complete—from birth to full maturity of power tools.

Before leaving the factory, however, there is one other department—accounting—that cannot be overlooked in a complete tour. There is a continuous job going on here, too, and again it is done with atomic-age technology. Bookkeeping is done with modern automatic machinery—new error-proof punch card machines assure accuracy in the bookkeeping department that matches the accuracy of the power tools produced in this modern factory.

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Building Industry on West Coast

Plans Public Relations

Lumbermen will tell the industry story of progress to public and home builders

WEST COAST building industry leaders have recently started programs to give the industry a united voice—to make that voice aggressive, factual and effective.

The programs now under way, or about to start, are being held in Stockton, Modesto, Fresno, Salinas, Monterey and Healdsburg, Calif.; Seattle and Spokane, Wash.; Klamath Falls, Eugene, and McMinnville, Ore. The main point of the programs is to tell the story of the industry—to eliminate the buck-passing and blame-tossing which has been the pride and joy of public housing and federal control enthusiasts who operate on the effective principle of "divide and conquer."

Behind the program, too, is the conviction that members of the home building industry themselves need a little education as to their own worth in the general scheme of economic life. Too often, the industry believed, one segment accepted the charge of "excessive home costs" and defensively laid the blame on another. Industry felt it needed a program which would say, in the words of W. S. Brown, retail lumberman in Spokane, "to hell with trying to put their bonfire out, let's build a bigger one of our own."

Coordination of various local efforts into an overall home building industry program on the West Coast was conceived and expedited by W. C. Bell, managing director of Western Retail Lumbermens Association; Orrie Hamilton, secretary-manager, Southern California Retail Lumber Association, and Robert J. Wright, executive vice president, Lumber Merchants Association of Northern California. These three associations called in James R. Lunke & Associates, West Coast advertising and public relations counselors, to develop a professional handling of the program. Lunke's organization has had long experience in serving the advertising and public relations requirements for a number of building material manufacturers, and is well schooled on problems within the building industry.

Bell, Hamilton, and Wright, with professional and technical help from Lunke, decided on the following physical program:

1. The local home building industry—builders, retail yards, lending institutions, architects, labor, material suppliers, equipment houses and utilities—would be called upon to consider and underwrite the program. Enlisting the participation of all segments of the industry would serve to get them together; spread the cost of a program which would help all meet a common problem.

2. Once the program is adopted, Lunke's agency will begin work: publicity releases, telling the various accomplishments, programs and developments of news value to the general public and a series of weekly ads telling the home building story will be released.

In addition to publicity and advertising, a 16-page booklet, "Steps To Take For New Homes, Remodeling, Financing," has been prepared for distribution to the public.

ADVERTISEMENTS for West Coast publicity program will be large enough to dominate a page; not so large as to be a financial strain. These, and booklets, will be the publicity
PART II ELECTRIC SERVICE

WIRING—the Modern Home

by John J. Riordan and Frank R. McShane
Registered Professional Engineers

The importance of electricity in modern living makes it imperative that homes be wired to adequately accommodate all possible needs.

In Trouble-free enjoyment and efficient usage of modern, electrical, home making appliances and modern home lighting cannot be obtained without a well-designed wiring system.

The wiring systems that were installed when the home use of electricity was in its infancy were designed for lighting only. Today lighting represents only a fraction of the electricity used in the home. Appliances and other devices use a large part of the electricity consumed. For a home to be truly modern, the wiring system must be designed to permit the convenient use of all electrical appliances. The ultimate electrical usage must be provided when the electrical system is first designed. It is a comparatively simple matter to install outlets, either switch or convenience, when the home is under construction, but it is often difficult to add outlets after the home has been completed. All electrical devices that may be used in the home over a period of years should be considered when the house is being designed. The basic requirement of a home electrical system is that it provide safe operation, ample capacity, and be convenient to use.

The electrical system of the home consists of these principle parts:

1. service entrance; 2. distribution centers; 3. feeders; branch circuits.

The Service Entrance

The service entrance is that part of the wiring system that extends from the utility company's service drop, street mains, or other source of supply, to the owner's service disconnect device. The disconnect device may be either a fused switch or a circuit breaker. It most localities the electric utility company extends its lines to a bracket on the exterior of the building, and it is only necessary to extend the service entrance cable from a point near the bracket to the service disconnect.

The service entrance cables must be of sufficient size to carry the load connected to them. The size is determined by local codes. It should be remembered that codes are minimum requirements, and, in most cases, a well-designed wiring system will dictate the use of cables larger than specified by the governing code.

Before considering the capacity and the type of the service entrance, it might be well to consider the form of service that will be supplied to the home by the utility company. Most utilities supply single phase current at either 115 volts, two wire or 115/230 volts, three service (115 or 230 volts are nominal voltages, and it is meant to include voltages of 110 to 120 and 220 to 240). When possible, it is advisable to select a three wire service. A 115/230 volts, three wire service has many advantages over two wire, 115 volts service. By the addition of one wire to a two wire entrance, the capacity of the service entrance has been doubled. Many appliances that are used in the home will operate
WHERE the home owner does not wish overhead supply lines to cross his property, the service entrance may be installed in a trench and extended to the utility company's line more efficiently on 230 volts. The automatic water heater, clothes drier, motors that are used on such items as an oil burner, workshop, the attic ventilating fan, will operate on one-half the amperes when connected to a 230-volt supply and with smaller voltage drop. This means there will be less flickering of the lights when these devices are used. The 115/230 volts service is a more versatile system since it provides the 115 volts for lighting purposes and the higher voltage for major appliances. In some localities a three phase, four wire system of 120/208 volts is available. The added advantage in the use of this system is that the three phase system is available for such purposes as air-conditioning or other heavy power usages that might be used in the home.

The service entrance is the very heart of the electrical system. It is the entrance point of modern living. It must be designed so there will be ample capacity for any appliance that will be used in the home either now or in the foreseeable future. The size of the service entrance conductors is based on the electrical unit found in a typical home, and is usually related to the size of the home in square feet. A home, having an area of less than a thousand square feet, should have three wire, service entrance conductors of No. 6 cable: for homes with an area up to 1,500 square feet, No. 4 cable; to 3,000 square feet, No. 2 cable; to 4,000 square feet, No. 1 cable.

The type of service entrance is dependent on the source of supply, the location of the supply lines, the owner's wishes regarding overhead supply lines crossing his property, and local conditions. The service entrance conductors terminate in the building at the service breaker or fused service switch.

### Distribution Centers

Every electrical conductor in the home must be protected against "short circuits" and harmful overload. The fuse or circuit breaker provides that protection for the conductor. The distribution center contains the fuses or circuit breakers which protect the various conductors to the outlets throughout the home.

### SERVICE ENTRANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

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Above recommendations are based on three-wire service voltage with between 110/220 and 120/240 volts.

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Provide special circuits for appliances not listed in above table.
American Builder, August 1948.

Branch Circuits

A branch circuit is that part of the wiring system extending beyond the final overcurrent device protecting the circuit. The overcurrent devices may be either fuses or circuit breakers but should be the same type as the service disconnect. The number of branch circuits required will vary with the size of the residence and on the number of appliances.

Outlets and Switches

The majority of electrical devices used in the home are "plug-in" devices. Therefore, outlets should be so placed that the homemaker can "plug-in" her electrical appliance wherever she desires to use it. Each room of the home has require-

**RECOMMENDED OUTLETS FOR RESIDENTIAL WIRING**

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<td>(g) Provide convenience outlet for every four linear feet of work surface. Ramps and sink are not considered work surface. Locate all outlets with exception of the one provided for the refrigerator 44 inches above floor line. Provide special purpose outlets for clock, ventilating fan, range, etc.</td>
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- **Front Porch or Entrance**: Provide one lighting outlet to be provided for each 100 square feet or major fraction.
- **Covered Porches**: Provide one convenience outlet along each 11 feet of wall or major fraction.
- **Living Room, Library, Recreation Rooms, Bedrooms, etc.**: (a) Provide outlets for wall brackets as desired and for valance or cave lighting when being used. (b) One convenience outlet for each 11 feet of wall unbroken by doorway and one outlet for each wall space three or more feet in length. Provide outlet in mantel shelf. (c) One or more convenience outlets to be controlled by switch. Provide additional control switches (3 or 4 ways) if important entrances are more than 10 feet from main entrance.
- **Stairway**: One lighting outlet at head and one at foot of stairway with separate three-way control for each.
- **Halls**: One lighting outlet for each 15 feet of hallway. Provide additional switches when doorways are more than 10 feet apart. One convenience outlet for each 11 feet of hallway.
- **Dining Room**: (d) Provide outlets for Perimeter lighting (cove, valance, etc.) when specified. Multiple control for ceiling outlet when important entrances are 10 feet apart. (f) Convenience outlets for each 11 feet of wall space.
- **Breakfast Room, etc.**: A minimum of two heavy duty (1000 W.) convenience outlets should be provided for toaster, grill, etc.
- **Kitchen**: In addition to ceiling outlet provide light outlet for each work area. (g) Provide convenience outlet for every four linear feet of work surface. Ramps and sink are not considered work surface. Locate all outlets with exception of the one provided for the refrigerator 44 inches above floor line. Provide special purpose outlets for clock, ventilating fan, range, etc.
- **Bathroom**: Ceiling outlet may be omitted when area is less than 60 square feet. Locate convenience outlet near mirror 4 feet above floor line.
- **Laundry**: (h) One lighting outlet for each work area. (i) Convenience outlet for washer and one for ironer, additional outlets for other equipment such as ventilating fan, dryer.
- **Basement**: (j) Lighting outlet for each 150 square feet, one outlet for each enclosed space, one at furnace and one at work bench. One convenience outlet at furnace, one at work bench. (k) Two three-way switches to control stairway lights. Wall or pull chain switches are not to control all other ceiling outlets.
- **Garage**: (s) Exterior light to be controlled from garage and residence when garage is detached from residence.
ments in convenience outlets. Obviously in some rooms of the home there is a greater need for electrical devices than in others, and in these rooms more convenience outlets should be placed. For example, the living room is the center of family activities, and convenience outlets should be placed in that room so furniture can be freely rearranged. If a convenience outlet is installed for each twelve feet of wall space, and a convenience outlet for each section of wall three feet or more long in such a manner that no point on the usable wall is more than six feet from a convenience outlet, a normal seven foot cord will reach a convenience outlet from any point in the room within four feet from the wall. With convenience outlets placed as suggested, a homemaker will be able to easily use any electrical appliances desired. (See chart for placement of convenience outlets in the various rooms of the home.) One point should be kept in mind in the connection of convenience outlets. In no room should all of the convenience outlets be connected to the same circuit. The reason for this is, that should there be a circuit failure "fuse blowing" or circuit breaker opening, the entire room will not be without electrical service.

At least one lighting outlet should be installed in each room or accessible enclosed space of the house. This outlet may be a perimeter outlet for valance, cove, or strip lighting. It may be a ceiling outlet, or it may be a wall outlet for decorative purposes. (See chart for recommended outlets for residential wiring.)

In any home electrical system there should be a sufficient number of control points (switches) to conveniently turn on and off the various electrical devices. It should not be necessary to have to grope one's way across a room in the dark in order to find the point to turn on the lights. Switches should be so located that there is a path of light from room to room. This means that there should be a liberal use of three- and four-way switches. Switches for controlling lights and appliances are located on the lock side of the door. In many cases a switch controls the light which cannot be seen. For example, the lights for the basement are often controlled from the kitchen, and because it is not known whether the lights are on or off, these lights often are left on needlessly. Switches controlling lights that cannot be seen should be equipped with pilot lights.

**Telephones**

Provision should be made in the construction of the majority of homes being built at present are wired with one of the above types of electrical conducting materials. The kind of material used is usually governed by local codes.
Selecting Material

The kind of material to be used is governed by local codes and the type of residence being constructed. The majority of homes are wired with one of the following types of material and the corresponding fittings: rigid conduit, metallic tubing, armored cable, non-metallic sheathed cable, service entrance cable, concealed knob and tube.

Rigid conduit provides good protection for the conductors against mechanical injury. It is generally used in buildings of fireproof construction, but may be used in any type of building.

Electric metallic tubing is generally approved for the same uses as rigid conduit. The largest that may be used is two inch.

Armored cable is used for concealed wiring in old and new buildings. It may also be used for exposed work, when the exposed cable will not be objectionable.

Non-metallic sheathed cable consists of an assembly of two or more conductors in a non-metallic envelope. It is often used instead of knob and tube wiring.

Service entrance cable is a multiple conductor assembly. Conductors are rubber or thermoplastic insulated. All conductors are insulated except, in some types, the neutral is not insulated. This cable is often used for range circuits.

Concealed knob and tube wiring is usually confined to small homes. This type of wiring is not permitted in many communities.

This is the fourth and concluding article in the American Builder’s Engineered House Construction series on electrical wiring. Beginning with the September issue, the first of a series will appear on the fundamentals of selecting good plumbing materials and their proper installation. This entire editorial program is designed to impart to builders basic knowledge on the selection and installation of the various equipment and service items that are now standard components of modern houses.
Lighting by Remote Control

New system now permits economical installation of multi-switch controls for lights at various points in house or other structure

A NEW remote control wiring system, developed by General Electric Co., makes possible a completely new and more flexible method of controlling lights and outlets in the home, office, factory or on the farm. Incorporating a new line of wiring materials, the system is safer than the ordinary wiring method, eliminates much large and expensive material and, at low cost, greatly extends the convenience of the wiring in all types of building.

The system permits the building occupant to switch on lights, outlets or small appliances from any number of points within the structure. It is possible to have any number of controls for certain lights or outlets where formerly the cost of installing more than one switch would have been prohibitive.

There are only five components in the new remote control system—one type of switch, one type of switch box, one type of relay, two types of wire and one type of transformer. It is easy to install either in new or old buildings, and differs from the conventional system in that the switches are connected to the outlets which they control by a new light-weight, Flamenol-insulated, 22-gauge wire carrying only 25 volts. Finger pressure on the 25-volt switches activates 25-volt relays mounted at the lights or outlets and the relays, in turn, control the lights or outlets. A small transformer installed somewhere in the building provides the low voltage.

The switches used in the new system are very small, eliminate the use of wallplates and do not have to be mounted in large switch boxes. A gentle push on the switch turns the light on or off. Only one type of switch is installed, no matter how many control points are needed.

Because the system is so new a complete set of installation cost figures has not been assembled. T. D. Foster, sales manager of the G.E. Wiring Device and Accessory Equipment Divisions, states that where only one, two or more lights are controlled from a single switch, it is cheaper to install a conventional wiring system. "But generally speaking," he says, "a remote control system is cheaper when the same lights are controlled from two, three, four or more switches. Up to a certain point, the more lights that are operated by a remote control system, the greater the saving." Any cost comparison must also include the fact that many switching requirements formerly prohibitive in cost, can be taken care of at reasonable rates.

The five components of the new G.E. remote control system are now in production. Twenty-five of the Blanding Dream Houses being built in various sections of the country are being equipped with the new system. It is much safer than the ordinary method of wiring because all switches are connected to the harmless 25-volt wires, thus eliminating danger of shock, even in damp areas.

Flamenol-insulated wire of small size carrying 25 volts is installed in accepted manner without any further protection.
More Space
Less Money

The steady improvement in effective use of available space, which has proved one of the most important developments in modern home building, is dramatically illustrated in this home design. The result is a good example of how comfortable living can be achieved in a small, economical house.

Here the builder is given a choice of completing the house in one of two ways—either with or without a second story. The basic plan shows a stairway to the second floor, a requirement when the large attic space is intended for use as living quarters. When the alternate roof plan is used, eliminating the roomy attic, the space occupied by the stairway in the basic plan can be used for other purposes.

All the rooms are well lighted and ventilated with plenty of free wall space for a variety of furniture arrangements. The kitchen is large enough for a dinette table and chairs. Wide windows over the sink contribute much to the character of the room. Location of the bathroom off the front hall gives it semi-isolation yet makes it directly accessible to all rooms of the house.

This is the August Weyerhaeuser Design No. 4131. There are 18,500 cubic feet in the high-roof plan and 16,600 in the low-roof house. Working drawings on this and other houses in this series may be obtained from 4-Square lumber dealers or from the Weyerhaeuser Sales Company offices in St. Paul, Minn.
NOTE careful arrangement of island and floor displays to provide clear view of interior from street

New Yard Marks Half Century of

Departmentalized displays, night lighting and numerous conveniences for customers increase traffic and sales in modern material store

NEWEST and most modern of the 24 Patten-Blinn lumber yards in Southern California is the one at Santa Monica. The yard is entirely new, having been built to replace an old one when the site it occupied was sold. Principal features of the yard are modern design, attractive use of new materials, and sales room appointments for the convenience of customers.

The sales room faces a well-traveled street, and is equipped with large display windows, and a lighting system to draw the attention of night traffic. The cut-out letters spelling the company name are mounted on top of the trough at the front. Made of seven plies of three-quarter inch mahogany, the letters are nearly five inches thick. Night lighting is from a source in the trough, and the letters, with deep shadow lines from their thickness, stand in bold relief. The inside is kept lighted during the early hours of the night by spotlights which are not visible from the street.

The retaining wall for the planting space in front of the building is Arizona flagstone. Flat and rounded panels of glass brick flank the entrance door to the display room.

Walls of the sales room are random width, brown Celotex plank, while the ceiling is ivory Celotex tile. Light is supplied by eight fixtures each containing four fluorescent tubes. The floor covering is Armstrong asphalt tile and all counter tops are Masonite Prestwood.

About half way across the floor and directly in front of the entrance door, there is a low counter with chairs in front of it, and knee space to permit customers to sit comfortably. All displays are departmentalized, and shelves, counters and display islands are kept full and clean.

Kenneth A. Mitchell, manager, says that one of the results of the displays is a great increase in the number of woman customers. Mitchell said that another notable change is that his builder customers now send home owners in to select many of the items to be used in their new homes. Almost without exception, Mitchell added, the new home owners become customers for garden tools, paint and many other items.

The display islands, designed in the company's millwork department, and built by the carpenters who worked on the buildings, are particularly attractive. They are made of white pine, and finished with oak stain.

Another attractive display, and one that accounts for many small cash sales, is a "tool bar." Located in a corner, it is L-shaped. It consists of an L-shape counter-high cabinet with each leg about 6 feet long, and 18 inches deep. Bases are recessed for toe room, and tools are both in and on top of the cabinets. Tools are also hung on the walls from counter height to a plate rail about six and one-half feet above the floor. More tools are on the plate rail. Another "pay-off" display includes garden tools, floor sanders and small power tools. In addition to the usual paint and builders' hardware lines, sinks, cabinets and fireplace equipment are shown on the floor.

The manager's office has a Celotex tile board ceiling. Walls are 16-inch squares of striped African Mahogany, butted together, and with slightly rounded edges. The yard is bounded by three streets, and pick-up customers drive in one entrance and leave through an exit nearest the point where they received their merchandise. Platform roller trucks are used to carry merchandise to cars.
ABOVE: View of front of sales room. Note thick cut-out letters of sign on trough above entrance. Large display windows, modern lines and planting area help to draw new customers.

RIGHT: Interior of manager's office. Note walls of striped African mahogany in 16-inch squares. Office is conveniently located with respect to sales room, warehouse and yard.

YARD is 320 feet wide and 185 feet deep. Railroad spur enters yard. Illustration above shows office and warehouse only.

SIX 30-foot sliding-rolling gates provide access to yard. One end of gate rides on two small rubber-tired wheels. Gate slides on a metal channel. It operates easily, does not have to be fastened in place, and cannot close accidentally.
Prodigious number of new homes being built is not only rapidly solving nation's housing problem but is starting to relieve pressure on industry from politicians and public housers

AFTER several months of extensive traveling, which took me to practically all parts of the country except California, I am convinced that the much publicized housing problem is being solved more rapidly than many believe or are willing to admit. It will be noted that this conclusion is made up of two parts: believe and admit. The first, of course, pertains to those numerous young couples who cannot find an apartment they can afford to rent and do not have the wherewithal, or the inclination, to buy such homes as are being offered at today's prices. The second consists of that large group of individuals who see in the housing situation a great and glorious opportunity to make political hay, or votes, or to attach themselves more securely to the government payroll.

Under such circumstances my statement that the housing shortage is disappearing more or less rapidly should no doubt be modified by certain qualifications. Admittedly there still is a big job ahead but it is my considered opinion that it, like the job behind, will be done better, faster and more economically by the full play of free competitive enterprise without benefit of the red tape, buck-passing, slow-moving, high cost attributes which accompany all bureaucratic activities. It simply isn't in the cards for government agencies to move rapidly, efficiently or economically... and all three of these factors are vitally essential in the solution of our housing problem.

The frantic bureaucrats and the loquacious politicians are demanding a million homes a year for ten (or is it fifteen?) years. This huge undert-
Everywhere!

by R. E. Saberson

In many other cities but without a corresponding slowing up of new projects. As a matter of fact, in the majority of cases new construction was increasing rather than decreasing. During the same forenoon, in a Southern city, I talked with a builder who had erected twenty-five homes last fall and had sold them all before completion. This spring he had built twenty-five more and had not made a single sale, although several of the homes were ready for occupancy. At lunch I listened to the enthusiastic plans of another builder who was about to launch a 500-home project. In the city block after block of homes were then under construction.

In a Northern state the following week I spent a day in a county seat town (population 5,000) where approximately 200 homes had recently been completed or were under construction.

It had been a long jaunt from the extreme South to the Canadian border and it had been an equally lengthy trip from the Pacific Northwest to the tip of Long Island, but in every city, town and hamlet it was impossible to find a place where new homes were not being built in quantities which varied from a normal amount to a prodigious number.

In the same Sunday paper from which I quoted a report of the local housing situation, I read the President's blast about the failure of the Congress to "do anything about housing" and the dire results which would ensue. Later in the day in LIFE magazine I came across the following editorial about booming America.

"Quite aside from factory construction the U.S. was in the midst of its greatest housing boom—and this despite the caterwaulings about high prices. Two hundred and fifty-four thousand homes were started in the first four months of 1948, 90,000 of them in April alone. The total number of homes to be launched this year should run between 875,000 and a million. Last year 855,000 homes were started; 935,000 were completed. Altogether, a million Americans expect to buy houses this year."

Again let me point out that I am not claiming our housing shortage is over. I am merely calling attention to the fact that the demands of our frantic public housers have not yet been met by ways and means to conduct legal raids upon the thinning wallets of distressed taxpayers and that despite this fact private competitive enterprise is hitting it off at the rate of nearly a millions homes a year.

How many million will it take? Who knows! The city mentioned earlier in this article predicted a year ago that it would require at least five years, maybe more, to make a dent in its housing shortage. Less than a year later builders were biting their fingernails as they searched eagerly for buyers. Yet home construction still proceeds at far more than a normal rate.

Obviously it will take more than single family dwellings to solve the housing shortage completely, but an average of such structures which will accelerate the construction of the many rental units that are so sorely needed. Material costs will drop when supply begins in a matter of months to keep up with demand. Efficiency of labor will have to increase over wages come down, else there will be little to do. The grinding of the economic gods may be slow but the all-important point is they still grind.

I once knew an astute supplier of building materials who used to say in effect that "the short items of today will be the long items six months from now." His point is well taken. Shortages step up production and create overages which in turn cause a reduction in prices.

We live in a country that is given to great peaks and valleys in its economic life-line. Already we have discovered that we now have as much too much of certain items as we once had too little not so long ago. It was ever thus and it will be that way again and again and again.

The theory that it would never be that way in houses seemed more or less certain two years ago but today it is very much less certain. And it will continue to be less and less the case until we again have too many. As to when that time will come, I'm not prepared to hazard a guess. I only know we are well on the way and that the momentum of production is now so great we shall not be able to stop when we have acquired enough homes to meet all demands. It will come to a halt only when we have too many.
Laundries

Fine variety of automatic equipment produced by manufacturers makes it practical to plan home laundry facilities scientifically. Neatness of units, in both appearance and operation, permit multiple use of modern laundry space.

Although there is some controversy concerning the advantage of the first floor laundry versus basement facilities, the fact remains that certain minimum automatic laundry accommodations are now generally expected in new houses. Just how extensive these facilities are depends on many factors, chiefly the price range of the house and the requirements of prospective occupants.

Scientific planning of home laundry rooms did not receive much attention prior to development of automatic laundry equipment by manufacturers. With all the fine new machines now on the market eliminating much of the former drudgery and messiness connected with home laundry work, it has been easy to include space on the first floor for installation of laundry facilities as part of the kitchen or service quarters of the home. Surveys conducted among women reveal that the majority prefer a first floor laundry or utility room as part of, or adjacent to, the kitchen, when automatic laundry equipment can be installed. These rooms can also double as space for sewing, canning or similar uses.

An amazingly efficient laundry can be installed in a small amount of space. Units should, of course, be arranged so that each task in the washday routine falls in logical work-saving sequence.

Basic unit is the automatic laundry. The dryer and ironer are needed to complete the setup, but they may be added later if provision is made for them. The new automatic laundry equipment eliminates the need for...
Can Now Be Pleasant Living Areas

The double set tubs, but a single laundry tray adjacent to the working area is useful for odd laundering jobs.

Base cabinets and work counter area are also desirable in the laundry. One section of base cabinet with the shelves removed provides a good area for storage of bulky items such as clothes baskets. One or more other base cabinets can be used for storage of other items which usually clutter up the average laundry.

Adequate wiring, plumbing and ventilation are essential. Although concrete floors are installed for many laundry rooms, women prefer some type of floor tile or linoleum, which are not only more comfortable but easier to keep clean.

The modern laundry with its full complement of automatic equipment is a pleasant living area of many uses in today's home.

FHA REGULATIONS GOVERNING LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT

Electric laundering equipment, for sequence operation, permanently installed, may be included in FHA insured mortgages, if both mortgagor and mortgagee agree the units are real estate, except in these areas:


FOUR more laundry units. At left is machine made by F. L. Jacobs Co. Laundry, dryer and ironer are produced by Bendix.
Eye-Witness Report

On the Re-Birth of Texas City, Texas

On April 20, 1947, an explosion devastated much of Texas City, Texas. One-sixth of the population was killed or injured. Seventy-five per cent of the homes were damaged or destroyed. Few buildings escaped the power of the blast unscathed. On April 20, 1948, one year after the explosion, Sumner Rider of Rider and Keister, a New York publicity firm specializing in building accounts, visited Texas City. His report, which he has submitted to American Builder by request, follows.

The rebirth of Texas City is largely a story of the building industry. An industry which is frequently labeled “archaic,” incompetent and inefficient, has performed miracles in twelve months, not only in re-building a wrecked and ruined city, but also by greatly expanding industrial, commercial, and residential facilities in an attempt to keep pace with phenomenal growth in industry and in population.

Accomplishments in Texas City merely project into bold, dramatic relief the competence of the building industry.

General Manager R. W. Davis of the Chamber of Commerce speaking: “I was seated right here at this desk dictating to my secretary, Mrs. H. L. Anderson, the morning of the explosion. We knew there was a fire. We had heard the sirens. Then, we felt and heard a heavy, dull, earth-shaking explosion. Then, momentarily quiet, during which we jumped from our chairs and started racing to the door to the street to find out what had happened. That moment of quiet saved us. We had scarcely rounded the partition forming one wall of my office, when it happened. Hell seemed to break loose on earth.

“The plate glass window facing the street, in front of which my secretary and I had been sitting, broke into a thousand-and-one pieces and blew into the office with the speed, power, and killing effect of as many bullets. We would have been cut into ribbons if we hadn’t moved quickly, and our fate probably would have been little better except for the fortunate fact that the door to the street was standing ajar a few inches. This probably kept the glass from exploding in our faces. As it was, the door was blown open and ripped from its hinges.

“Actually, we were very lucky in Texas City. Prevailing winds are from the southeast. The morning of the explosion, the wind shifted to the north, and stayed there for four days, blowing flames, embers, and smoke out to sea. Otherwise, the fire would have raced through the entire city, and with flammable roofing used so widely in this town, we would have had a major conflagration on top of the explosion. The unusual shift in the wind saved us. And, would you believe it, this morning, almost to the minute, just one year later, the wind veered into the north.

“But,” Manager Davis continued, “you aren’t interested in a personal narrative. Newspapers and maga-
zines carried a more graphic, dramatic story of the Texas City disaster than I can give you. You've asked for a few facts about the damage.

"Here's the picture—"

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Building Industry Does Good Job of Reconstructing City

"Did the building industry do a good job following the explosion? A marvelous job. The day after the explosion, while fires were still raging, we had a meeting with the lumber dealers, including some of the directors of the lumber dealers' association, with contractors, and building material manufacturers. Even while we were laying plans to get materials, men, and equipment needed to restore the city, truckloads of glass and asphalt roofing, and other materials so urgently needed, were rolling into Texas City."

"I don't know the exact number, but there were about 4,500 residential units in the city a year ago. Of this number, 3,382 were damaged or destroyed. Since that time, excluding minor work, 714 residences have been repaired and practically reconstructed, several hundred new homes have been built, and many more hundreds are under construction, and planned."

"But while the building industry has done, and is doing a good job, 53 per cent of the industrial workers in our plants can't find a place to live here in town, and are forced to commute from as far away as Houston and Galveston. That is not the fault of the building industry," said Manager Davis.

"Our population in 1940 was 5,748. In April 1947, at the time of the explosion, population had increased to 18,000. Today, there are almost 27,000 people living in Texas City, and fully another 10,000 want to live here, and need to live here, not tomorrow or the next day, but today."

"Just to give you another picture of the fast growth of Texas City, bank deposits in 1936 added up to $200,000. Today, deposits are $1,600,000."

"That's about all I can give you," Manager Davis concluded, "but why don't you drop down to the City Hall and talk to Osburn, our city engineer. He can give you more accurate construction figures than I can."

City Engineer R. R. Osburn speaking: "You want to know how much was spent on repairs and reconstruction following the explosion, how rapidly the work was done, and how much new construction there was in the past year?"

"Come in and sit down at the desk where you can be comfortable and copy these figures."

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These are the construction figures by months, copied from the files of City Engineer Osburn.

"Don't these figures answer your question as to whether the building industry has done a good job? Look how manpower and materials were shoved in here right after the explosion, in April 1947. It just wouldn't have been possible to do the job with the materials in stock."

"Look at the new dwelling figure," City Engineer Osburn continued. "New dwellings, 471 of them in 12 months, increased the total number in this city better than 10 per cent. And that following the explosion and in the face of all the other construction work that had to be done in this city."

"Much new building under construction now? More than 850 residential units and hundreds more soon will be started. Just today, another million dollars rental project was announced."

"Yes, the building industry has done a good job in Texas City. If you want to find out the immediate needs for materials right after the explosion, I suggest you talk to one of the dealers in town. Why don't you see Frank McDonald of the South Texas Lumber Co.?"

South Texas Lumber Co.'s Frank McDonald speaking: "We and all the other dealers in the town were in bad shape when the explosion occurred. Inventory on many needed items was practically nil. We just hadn't been able to get materials required to take care of current demand. We had no glass. We waited weeks for a shipment, and when we got it, stock was short. Hardware was short. We had little or no roofing. Inventory of sash and doors was practically exhausted. I mention these particularly, as the immediate and pressing need was for these items for essential emergency repairs.

Critically-Needed Manpower And Materials Rushed to City

"Practically every window in the town was shattered. Almost every roof had to be repaired, and many roof areas facing the direction of the blast had to be replaced. Hardware on windows and doors was twisted out of shape. Lumber stocks were reasonably good, but little lumber was needed."

"Despite the shortages," Frank McDonald continued, "it was only a matter of hours until glass and asphalt roofing, particularly, commenced to flow into Texas City through our yards. Roll roofing for temporary repairs to keep out the weather until new shingles could be applied, and to block up broken windows and doors. Roofing felt to repair built-up roofs on industrial and residential buildings."

"Glass must have been shipped by the trainload, and glaziers moved in with the glass. Glass was fitted into openings, and days or weeks later, glaziers returned to putty them up."

Little Evidence of Explosion In Today's Texas City

"Ask anyone who lived in Texas City a year ago, what kind of job the building industry has done in this town, and I am certain of the answer you would get. Sure, people will beef because so many need homes, and that's to be expected. But basically, they know the shortage isn't the fault of the industry. They know what the industry can do and will do as rapidly as men and materials will permit."

Today, one short year after the disaster, there is little evidence that Texas City was all but wrecked a year ago. One looks for damage, and finds it occasionally—a badly dented metal storage tank a few feet of steel in an open field—a roof still only temporarily repaired. But Texas City today shows just another saga in the history of the building industry—just another revealing record of its competence.
How to Install Plastic Wall Tile

A practical explanation of the basic technique required to obtain satisfactory application of this wall covering over old or new walls.

In general the only tools needed to install plastic wall tile are a medium tooth saw or plastic tile cutter for cutting; a small wood plane or tile to smooth the cut edges; and a notched trowel or wide blade putty knife for spreading the adhesive. To plan the installation and keep it level and parallel a spirit level should be used. A pair of dividers and a yardstick, straightedge and pencil can be used in place of a chalk line if so desired.

It is important to plan every detail of the installation before work is started. This includes selecting all color combinations, types of feature strips or border designs and height of the wainscoting.

If there are high or low spots in a plastered wall, locate them by moving a straightedge over the wall. Lower the high spots by chipping, sanding or cutting with a rasp. Low spots should be built up with plaster where it joins the edge of a plaster board, nailed solidly. As a rule, it is imperative to seal the lower edge of the wainscoting in event the tub settles and leave an opening at the tub line after the tile is installed. Corners may be made with the tile fitted in the rear of an inside corner. The exposed adjacent tile edge should be left as molded. Be sure to use a whole tile on one side of an outside corner, and butt this tile to the overlap on the other side. Metal edging may be used to make outside corners if it is of the correct type. It should provide a recess to receive the edge of the tile. Metal can also be used on inside corners.

Unless it is necessary for the wainscoting either to meet or to stay under a fixed line in the room, wainscoting height should be a multiple of the size of one full tile. When choosing a height for a wainscoting in a bathroom, do not establish a height which makes it necessary to use less than one half of a full tile where the tile meets the rim of the bath tub. If the tub is perfectly level, it is better if possible to set a wainscot height that will permit the use of full tiles above the tub.

A continuous level line should be drawn around the room at the top of the wainscot and also a short distance above floor level. When tiling only the walls of a room, application should start at the bottom on either side of a door. Measure down from the level wainscot line a distance equal to the total height of the tiles planned for the wainscot, less one tile. Snap a chalk line around the perimeter at this point. This line marks the bottom edge of the first row of tile to be installed. Where a cove base or other base is to be applied, the distance from the floor to the point where tiling should begin is measured and a line scored at that point to establish the position of the first course of tile.

When measuring down from the level wainscot line, use a plumb line and draw a vertical line, spacing the distance one full tile away from the door frame or corner. This will provide a true vertical line to follow when installing tile.

The bottom two rows of tile should be applied first, using the horizontal line as a guide, leaving the wall space bare one full tile away from the baseboard or floor. After the two horizontal rows have been installed, apply two vertical rows along the vertical line, leaving the space bare one full tile away from the door frame or corner. Now that the two rows of tile have been established, horizontally and vertically, the balance of the wall surface may be tiled quickly and easily. Finally, go back to that uncovered vertical and horizontal wall space and install the last single row of tiles, cutting them as needed to fit. Where interlocking tiles are used, tiles are laid from left to right in horizontal rows.

The adhesive used for setting plastic tile are usually slow setting, although no more should be applied than can be covered in one working period of an hour or two. It is spread with a notched trowel or comb which leaves ridges of adhesive. Too much adhesive will keep the tile from being pressed firmly against the wall and allow it to "float" on the adhesive.

Except when interlocking tiles are used, installations may be made with the tiles butted close against each other or with a small separation between each tile, which fills with adhesive to form what is known as a grouted joint. When making a butted joint, care should be taken to place each tile in its exact position before applying the adhesive. First place one edge of the tile to be set at that position and then gently press the center to be sure no air space remains behind the tile. Do not slide it.

When installing tiles with grouted joints, place each tile about 1/16 of an inch from the final position and slide it into place. This will push a slight amount of adhesive into the joint between the tile. To grout the joints, use a wood peg which has been shaped like a sharpened pencil to a point approximately 1/32 of an inch in diameter. After the tile has set four to six hours, "wipe" the joints with this point, keeping it clean as work proceeds. Do not try to clean joints as work proceeds. Excess adhesive may be removed by using one of several cleaners on the market.
NOPI-VENTILATION-IN-GLASS-BLOCK-PANELS

ELEVATION.
Glass block walls and panels often require some means of ventilation. Steel sash, metal D.H. windows, and louvers are means of solving this problem. These items, when used, must be adapted to the standard sizes of glass blocks. Consult local building code to determine if wood windows or louvers may be used.

SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENT OF LOUVERS:
Metal louvers shown at left, wood louvers shown at right of each glass block panel.

W O O D  L O U V E R  S E C T I O N S.

ELEVATION.
Detail of glass block ventilator made of steel and glass in sizes 6 x 6; 8 x 8; 12 x 12" to replace standard glass blocks. Exterior glass louvers stationary. Interior glass louvers are adjustable.

SILL SECTION E.
Details of double-hung steel window in masonry wall with glass block panel.

SILL SECTION F.
VIBRATING TROWEL  
AB8818
Contractors and finishers will find this vibrating trowel a handy tool. Developed by C. B. Goodwin of 407 N. Meridian St., Portland, Ind., this trowel can be built any size required, with either a long or short handle, for large or small surfaces. According to its designer, on test jobs it has been proved the trowel reduces the number of men needed on finishing jobs, as well as improves the actual finish by bringing the moisture to the surface on dry spots.

CABINET LATCH  
AB8825
A zinc-plated cabinet catch is offered by the Ideal Brass Works, Inc., Dept. G, 250 E. Fifth St., St. Paul 1, Minn. A solid brass screw is used as the strike. It's easily adjusted, and will permit the catch to operate smoothly without oiling. The floating fingers are propelled by individual lifetime springs so that the catch will engage easily and hold firm. The catch will allow twice the normal shrinking and swelling of doors.

STAINLESS STEEL SINKS  
AB8801
A complete line of round-corner, welded, stainless steel sinks in 16 standard sizes is announced by S. Blickman, Inc., Weehawken, N.J. The line is designed to meet the industry's demand for a heavy-duty stainless steel sink in the moderate price range. The units are available with one, two or three compartments. Each sink may be had with any one of four drainboard arrangements; with two drainboards; with drainboard on left; with drainboard on right or without drainboards.

SHOWER DOOR  
AB8812
The tub enclosure illustrated is fabricated from a new type of bright, hardened aluminum, named Permalume. Its bright, lustrous finish is diamond hard, strongly resistant to scratches, corrosion, and wear. Produced by the Shower Door Co. of America, 973 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Ga., the tub enclosure pictured is known as the No. 172-B Double Rollaway Tub Enclosure. It features panels that open by rolling. This is accomplished by use of a header bar and double ball bearing direct suspension. This method eliminates panel sway and sag customarily caused by single suspension methods.

RADIAL SAW CART  
AB8822
A trailer to carry their No. 1 radial saw from job to job is offered by J. D. Wallace & Co., 136 S. California Ave., Chicago 12, Ill. Fitted with a new-style spring suspension, the trailer rides smoothly. A removable caster wheel at the trailer hitch permits the Saw Cart to be detached from the automobile and moved around the job site. Made with a sheet aluminum top that hinges back for operation, the body of the trailer includes a panel and mounting studs to hold saw blades, dado heads, shaping heads and other accessories; a reel for holding an extension cord; and a storage space under the machine for table extensions, jigs, and fixtures. Quick-acting jacks built into the sides are used to bring the table of the saw up to working height and to level it off despite irregularities of ground level. Table extensions bolt to sides of machine for holding long stock while sawing.

WATER PUMP SYSTEMS  
AB8815
A complete line of domestic water pump systems, designed for both shallow and deep wells is on the market. Operated on the jet principle, the pumps are suited to farm homes, summer cottages, suburban homes, clubs, resorts and hotels where city water mains are not available. They also may be used by small factories, dairies, laundries, and amusement parks. Three types of pumps are included in the line: the vertical deep well pump, the horizontal deep well pump, and the 1 H.P. model. Both deep well pumps are made with single and dual pipe units. In all types the motor is a standard jet pump motor. The line is being marketed by Ingersoll-Rand, 11 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

SHALLOW WELL PUMP  
AB8813
A practical domestic pump which has no parts underground to clog and rust, and weighs only 45 pounds is on the market. Easy to install, it can be placed wherever it is most desirable. The pump will deliver positive pressure, without pulsation, in the pasture and feed lots, as easily as in the laundry, bath, or kitchen of farm
home or country estate. Completely enclosed in a cast-aluminum housing, the motor and pump form a single, lightweight, compact unit. There are no dangerous exposed moving parts. The pump is self-lubricating and self-priming. Robbins & Myers, Inc., Pump Division, Springfield, Ohio, are the makers.

**WELDED VENT STACK**  
A88803  
An all-welded vent stack fabricated in the shop and delivered to the building site ready to install is receiving popular approval from builders, architects, and plumbing inspectors. Made up of steel pipe and tube-turn welding fittings, the unit reduces the installation time normally allotted to such work. Another saving is effected in wall thickness—this stack saves up to 2 inches in wall thickness without sacrificing the I.D. of the pipe. The unit was developed by the Engineering Service Division of Tube Turns, Inc., Louisville, Ky. As a guide to plumbing and heating contractors in fabricating the unit in accordance with the codes in their particular localities, a blueprint of the all-welded stack will be furnished by the manufacturer upon request.

**CHIME-CLOCK**  
A88829  
A kitchen red model has been added to their line of combination chime-clocks by the Rittenhouse Co., Honeoye Falls, New York. The latest model combines a self-starting electric clock and melodious door chime that sounds two notes for the front door and one note for the rear. The chime operates from a standard doorbell connection, and the clock is provided with a plug-in cord for 110-volt A.C. operation.

**CONSOLE HEATER**  
A88830  
An oil-burning space heater designed by an outstanding industrial designer is announced by The Coleman Co., Inc., Wichita 1, Kans. The streamlined cabinet is welded into single piece of heavy gauge steel. It stands only 34½ inches high, is 37½ inches wide, and has an overall depth of 25 inches. Heat is delivered by radiation, circulation, and, when the heater is equipped with a power blower, by direct air movement at floor level. The unit is produced in two finishes: a beige with copper-tone grille, and a brown. Large louver sections in the front, back and floor of the heater aid the flow of air through the casing. Inner liners are aluminum-finished to help keep the outer casing cool while providing a better heat reflecting surface.

**BATHROOM CABINET**  
A88806  
Two adjustable wing mirrors giving the user an "all-angle profile vision" are the outstanding features of the Park Wing bathroom cabinet. Also important is the controlled fluorescent lighting, the reflectors of which are easily opened for intense spot illumination for shaving or make-up. A Safe-T chest that can only be opened by pressing a button on top of the cabinet, for the storage of drugs; adjustable glass shelves; razor blade disposal; adjustable toothbrush holder are other features. Produced by the Faries Manufacturing Co., Decatur, Ill., the Park Wing is made of bonderized steel with chrome trim and plate glass mirrors.

**CARBIDE HAMMER BIT**  
A88814  
A new carbide hammer bit for drilling granite is announced by the New England Carbide Tool Co., 60 Brookline St., Cambridge 39, Mass. Tradename Blue Cyclone, the unit is tipped with carbide, has two deep flutes and a tapered shank. The tapered shank is designed to fit the Rawl chuck because Rawl chucks fit any electric or pneumatic hammer. This drill is designed to cut accurate holes in granite, pebble concrete, hard brick and other hard masonry materials. The manufacturer also produces the Red Cyclone, a rotary carbide-tipped bit.

**POWER SAW MOUNT**  
A88808  
A mount for portable power saws is manufactured by Durham Bros., P. O. Box 620, Oakland, Calif. Marketed under the trademark "Jiffix", the mount helps save time and promote accuracy in making repetitive cuts of dimension lumber, cutting rafters, trimming ends square and mitering trim. It enables the owner of a power saw to make every cut needed for a complete framing job and all inside finishing, including cabinets. The saw is attached to the mount by boring two holes in the saw's base plate and bolting. The mount is fastened to shop bench or field work bench by bolts and wing-nuts, which are provided. A guide strip is then nailed to the bench and the saw squared up with the guide by loosening one bolt and rotating.

**ALUMINUM AWNING**  
A88810  
New entry into the aluminum awning field is the Thabet Manufacturing Co., 626 Huron St., Toledo 4, Ohio. They are currently marketing an ultra-modern all aluminum canopy under the trade name of Lumi-Shade. Designed for houses, apartments, store fronts, office building and factories, Lumi-Shade is made of durable aluminum and is fully tested for stress and strain. The awning comes unpainted, or in
blue, green or Dubonnet enamel. Produced in custom-made or stand-
ard stock size, the Lumi-Shade awning is easily installed.

**CIRCULATOR FIREPLACE** AB8828

Several improvements in design have been incorporated into the circul-
ator type fireplace made by The Maj-
estic Co., Huntington, Ind. A head
across the front of the unit above the opening not only reinforces the
front but serves as a gripper on the
insulation which is placed around
the metal unit before the brick is
laid. With this bead, the insulation
will not drop or settle. Another im-
provement is the new location of the
warm air openings. This facilitates
facilitates the brick mason's work and is prov-
ing a very popular improvement. An ingen-
ious patented poker control de-
vised to assure a damper of out-
standing efficiency is still another retin-
ent. The Majestic fireplace is adap-
table to any type of mantel. Delivered
ready to install, the masonry is sim-
ply built around it.

**BLOCK LIFTING TOOL** AB8821

To reduce the hard work in handling
building blocks, The Block-Lift Co.,
Mt. Vernon, Ohio, offer their new
tool named Block-Lift. In use, the
tool acts as a handle. Its open jaw
grips either end web firmly, to lift,
place and true up the block. Its ex-
cellent leverage makes handling the
heavy blocks an easy one-hand opera-
tion that saves hands, gloves and
back.

**EXCAVATING MACHINE** AB8817

A speedy, lightweight machine de-
dsigned for excavating and material
handling jobs that do not require the
larger size excavators has been added
to the 3/4-cubic yard excavator and
material handling equipment by the
Osgood Company, Marion, Ohio. Iden-
tified as Type 5, Model 5C, it is avail-
able as a shoveler, dragline, clam-
shell, crane, and hoe. All main oper-
ating machinery is positioned on a
welded deck, proportioned properly to
take all strains and stresses set up in
operation. It may be powered with
either gasoline or Diesel engine. Twin
disc clutches activate the swing,
travel, and hoisting motions. All op-
erating controls are grouped around
and in front of the operator. The cab
is designed to give the operator full
view of his work, and complete pro-
tection from the weather.

**RECESSED MEDICINE CABINET** AB8802

A newly-designed, recessed medi-
cine cabinet is offered by the Wal-
ters Manufacturing Co., Oakmont,
Pa. Made of 22 gauge, one-piece
welded steel construction, the cabi-
net comes in two sizes, one with
mirror 16 inches by 22 inches, and
the other with mirror 16 inches by
26 inches. Each size is 14 inches
wides. The cabinet has a rust-resis-
tant, high-baked, white enamel fin-
ish; the mirror is of A-quality
crystal, mounted in polished stain-
less steel frame. The shelves are
safe-edge glass; the door has a
bullet catch.

**TILE GROUTING PRODUCT** AB8811

A new product formulated especially
to seal joints of metal, plastic, and
earamic wall tile has been developed
by the Industrial Division, Arm-
strong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa. Trade-
named Ceramite, the product is
applied directly to the tile joints. It
is water resistant, non-porous, and
easily cleaned by washing with water.
Since Ceramite "sets up" through
chemical reaction rather than evap-
oration, no noticeable shrinkage in
volume takes place during or after
setting. It will not crack nor draw
away from the edges of the tile through shrinkage. Ceramite is pure
white and sets hard in a few hours.
It adheres tightly in joints of tiles
that have a baked enamel finish, as
well as in the joints of plastic or cera-
mic tiles.

**WALL HEATER** AB8823

A built-in, bathroom wall heater
that is temperature controlled by
the thermostat has a range of from 56 degrees to 84 de-
grees Fahrenheit and is equipped with a
thermostat. The metal case of the
(Continued to page 142)
More than Beauty keeps Ro-Way Up Front!

Along with their good looks, every Ro-Way Door is backed up by expert engineering, fine materials and husky construction.

Check how easily they open and close. That's the result of carefully designed friction-reducing track, ball-bearing track rollers and power-metered springs.

Check the lumber used in Ro-Way Doors. First-class, kiln-dried stock, assembled by skilled craftsmen in Ro-Way’s own plant.

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Dependable Ro-Way sales and installation service is available nationwide. Consult your classified telephone directory, or write for distributor’s name. See our catalog in Sweet’s.

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There’s a Rollway for every Doorway!

AMAZING NEW RO-WAY DOOR REQUIRES ONLY 2½ INCHES OF HEADROOM! Ro-Way’s latest achievement—the New Model 21, 4-section overhead type door. Now in production. Write for details.
NRLDA to Grant Awards to Dealers For Outstanding Public Relations

Retail lumber dealers who demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in public relations will be recognized annually under a new program being inaugurated by the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association. Seven awards to yards in different classifications will be made. Engraved plaques will be presented to the firms selected at the annual meeting. First awards will be made at the NRLDA meeting in Florida in November this year.

Purpose of the awards is to focus attention of the industry and the public on the outstanding services performed by lumber and building material dealers in their public relations work. The program will also serve to highlight the type of work being done by those selected for awards so that dealers everywhere may study the successful methods employed and possibly adapt all or parts of such operations to their own community public relations work.

The seven classes of entries with one plaque in each class, are set up as follows:

Class No. 1—Yards in towns with populations of under 1,000.
Class No. 2—Yards in towns with populations of 1,000 to 5,000.
Class No. 3—Yards in towns with populations of 5,000 to 50,000.
Class No. 4—Yards in towns with populations of 50,000 to 100,000.
Class No. 5—Yards in towns with populations over 100,000.
Class No. 6—Dealer group public relations programs.
Class No. 7—For outstanding promotional work with the Industry Engineered Homes Program.

The dealer group public relations program was set up as eligible for an award because in a number of cases several yards have joined in a group public relations undertaking, either as retailers exclusively, or as part of an overall industry group including contractors, financial interests and other groups.

All of the entries in the first six classes which include the construction of an IE Home as part of the program will be automatically entered and judged also for the IE Homes Award, whether or not such an entry has already received an award in one of the first six classifications.

Entries may be made by dealers themselves or through their state or regional association offices. A dealer making his entry direct may send the letter of transmittal, photographs, documents, an account of the problem encountered, the solution used and proof of effectiveness directly to the director of public relations of the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association, 18th and M Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. The staffs of federated member associations of the NRLDA may submit entries of yards in their own areas which they believe from experience are worthy of consideration for the awards.

All entries must be in the hands of NRLDA officials in Washington not later than October 15 to be eligible for consideration in this year’s awards.

Dealers who have been conducting public relations work should not hesitate to suggest to NRLDA or their federated association office the fact that they have done a job which could be considered for an award.

Dealers who have been conducting public relations programs acquaint the general public with the true facts about their businesses. They create favorable opinion and ready acceptance of their organizations and industry as a whole. This is done by advertising, public speaking or programs of any type designed to inform or present an idea to the general public or that segment of the public which must be informed for the problem to be solved. The important point in the whole undertaking is whether the messages and ideas reached a satisfactory portion of the uninformed audience.

The President’s Column

By N. P. MASON, President NRLDA

The avalanche of mail to the editor of American Builder praising this new column—well perhaps it was only a few letters—has given him courage to continue this venture for a while at least, so here is edition number two.

The National Political Conventions are now history. The presidential campaign is now under way in real earnest. At this very moment and in the months that lie ahead, we in the construction industry have an opportunity which we must not overlook. A good deal of misinformation about housing has been given to the public of America by groups who were trying to sell federal public housing to it. Now it is up to all of us in this housing industry to see to it that voters and politicians alike are given the truth, told of the records we have been making, told of the research we have been conducting, told of our new machinery and our new products, and told of the real values we are giving.

National Home Week beginning September 5th offers us a worthwhile way to get started in this campaign. It offers the opportunity for a gathering of all the factors of this industry, a place where builders, bankers, contractors, and others may join with other civic-minded groups and organizations to sponsor National Home Week in their communities and at the same time get the real truth of what this industry is doing over to the home folk.

There is nothing more attention compelling than a new home being built—nothing so basic as the desire for home ownership in the hearts of Americans. This first National Home Week comes (Continued from page 130)
NEW COPPER FLASHING SYSTEM
PRICED FOR LOW-COST HOUSES

Nationally Advertised in The Saturday Evening Post

NOW—with the thrifty Revere Home Flashing System—you can give low-cost houses the lasting protection of durable, non-rusting copper flashing. It adds an important sales point to the house; it shows that the builder uses quality material; and it assures complete satisfaction for the owner.

The Revere Home Flashing System is based on a special gauge, special temper and special size of sheet copper developed exclusively for flashing low-cost houses. It is packaged, complete, ready for you to install.

Each package contains: (1) 10 sheets of special Revere Copper pre-cut to 18" x 48", the right size for easy handling and economical installation; (2) enough hardware bronze nails to do the job right; (3) a 16-page instruction book that clearly shows—in words and pictures—the fastest and surest way to install flashing around doors, windows, chimneys, and adjacent wall and roof joints.

Two thrifty packages of Revere Home Flashing are enough to seal all the vital joints on the average small house. And it is so low in cost... so economical to install, that you'll want to start using Revere Home Flashing right away!

AT YOUR BUILDING SUPPLY DEALER

Your building supply dealer has Revere Home Flashing in stock... or can get it for you promptly. Ask him today, and start now to give your customers—and yourself—the protective advantages of the Revere Home Flashing System.

Of course, good construction calls for copper gutters, downspouts and plumbing lines, too!
A 1948 HIT!

McKINNEY'S FORGED IRON HARDWARE

Complete FRONT ENTRANCE DOOR KIT

Here it is—Kit No. 24 consisting of
- 20" x 24" Display Board DB#7 as illustrated above. Samples are mounted on the board, as shown . . . FREE.
- 3 complete sets of front entrance door hardware including lock and trim for both inside and outside.
- The Heart design is the most popular of all early American patterns. It is ideal trim for the currently favored Ranch type home.

Resale Value of Kit
-approximately $92.70

Order Now—Your Jobber Can Make Prompt Delivery

Also—Ask your jobber about the Dorchester Pattern Kit

McKINNEY MANUFACTURING COMPANY
PITTSBURGH 12, PENNSYLVANIA

Dealer Review

(Continued from page 128)

at an opportune time when the big guns of the political campaign will be warming up. Certainly it will have the cordial endorsement of nearly every candidate.

Sound common sense is still an attribute of the American home folk. Just when you are sure that they are only interested in what they can have without working for it, comes someone like Mr. Harry Umphrey, a big potato man in Aroostook County, Maine, who asks that the government support price on potatoes be reduced. He says he thinks it should operate like the fire insurance he carries, which is just enough to give him a new start if he has a fire, but certainly not enough to show him a profit from a calamity.

Bureau of Labor Statistics figures show that we are spending less proportionately for housing than we are for luxuries. Economic rent which includes the rental value of owner-owned homes as well as the returns from rented space is only 37 per cent above 1940, while our expenditures for recreation are up 113 per cent, jewelry 250 per cent, travel 266 per cent, liquor 141 per cent, tobacco 88 per cent, food 148 per cent, clothing 165 per cent, shoes 133 per cent. In 1946 we spent 24.8 billions of dollars for luxuries like the theatre, horse racing, liquor, tobacco, jewelry, bartering, beauty treatments, and travel, compared to only 12.6 billions of dollars for housing. Even clothing and shoes cost us more than housing, by 57 billions of dollars. In effect housing has been subsidizing luxury items.

Remember that it takes practical men—men who know how to do things, to make the economy of this country work, or to really get anything built. The social planners never have to show accomplishment. They only need to talk of dreamy Utopias.

Strong Retires From Cook County Association

JOSEPH L. STRONG, who has served as secretary of the Lumber Trade Association of Cook County, Chicago, for the past ten years, has retired from active participation in the group's affairs. Prior to assuming the secretaryship of the Lumber Trade Association, Mr. Strong served predecessor Cook County dealer associations. He retired because of age.

Miss Phoebe Hess, who has been Mr. Strong's assistant for many years, has assumed his duties.

There is no change in office address or telephone numbers.

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"Red Label" New Name for No. 2 Red Cedar Shingles

RED LABEL" is the new grade name for No. 2 Certigrade red cedar shingles, according to an announcement by the Red Cedar Shingle Bureau.

The change in name, states W. W. Woodbridge, secretary-manager of the Bureau, has been made in deference to hundreds of requests from retail lumber dealers.

"A great many dealers have reported to us that their sales of our second-grade Certigrade shingles are being retarded by the No. 2 name itself, which does not adequately reflect the many features of the shingle," Woodbridge said, "It should be emphasized," he stated, "that this is a change in name only, and that the grade remains the same as before. The change is being made solely for merchandising purposes — to help the dealer in selling these shingles. It also should be remembered that the Certigrade labels on other grades are not affected or changed in any way."

Charles Ashman Heads Commission Lumbermen

CHARLES ASHMAN, Chicago, was elected president of the National Association of Commission Lumber Salesmen at the annual meeting in Madison, Wis., recently. He succeeds A. T. Brink, Kansas City, who served several terms.

Other officers named are Fred Widman, Louisville, Ky., first vice president; Martic Crow, Jr., Elkhart, Ind., second vice president; James Grant, Jr., Williamsburg, N.Y., secretary.

Oklahoma Dealers Meet in Oklahoma City Oct. 5, 6

PLANS are being completed for the second annual meeting of the Oklahoma Lumbermen's Association to be conducted in Oklahoma City October 5 and 6. More than 2,000 are expected to attend.

Paul Leonard, who is in charge of the 1948 convention, announces that three months in advance of the opening date 115 exhibitors had already contracted for space to demonstrate their products and services to visiting dealers. A statewide initiation ceremony for the International Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is scheduled for October 5, to be under the personal

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HAWLEY WILBUR, well-known retailer of West Allis, Wis., listed a few pertinent suggestions on credit to dealers attending the Louisiana annual convention recently. Because credit ledgers are again taking on weight in most building material stores throughout the country, and dealers have not been confronted with normal credit conditions for a number of years, the ideas Mr. Wilbur offers are especially timely. He says:

1. BEWARE the man with a good steady job who asks for credit. The very fact that he has a “good steady job” makes it easy for him to get more credit than he can handle. Sell this man on installment financing. If his credit is good he will get the loan and you will get the cash.

2. BEWARE the credit customer too easily sold. Price, quality and terms mean little to those who do not expect to pay.

3. BEWARE the man who comes loudly knocking a competitor. Perhaps he has exhausted his credit elsewhere. Business rivalry can be the dead beat’s best friend.

4. BEWARE the household where there is domestic conflict. Many an orphaned bill has been left on the merchant’s doorstep by the divorce court.

5. BEWARE the preacher who are slow to pay. The former thinks he is too slick to be made to pay; the latter thinks it is uncharitable to ask him to pay.

6. BEWARE the tenant or any man who asks credit in the name of another. Get a written order and play safe.

7. Never tell a man he can pay “whenever he gets ready.” That time may never come; the bill is never due, and it would be a breach of faith to ask him until he is ready to pay.

8. Have customers sign receipts for delivery of materials. Most disputes can be avoided or settled with such evidence.

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Innovations in Planning

Assure Increased Interest in 1949 NAHB Convention Exhibits

The exhibit prospectus and floor plan for the 1949 NAHB convention and exposition was in an advanced stage of completion in mid-July, according to Paul Van Auken, convention director.

All of the space for the 1949 exhibits will be in the Stevens Hotel, with none available in nearby hotels as in 1948. This arrangement was made possible through an agreement with the Stevens Hotel whereby additional exhibit booths will be constructed on the second floor, adjacent to the Grand Ball Room, in which all general convention sessions will be held.

The added exhibit space will accommodate 35 booths, some six feet by eight feet, and others eight feet by ten feet.

The convention director has worked out a new booth layout in the main exhibit hall. The new layout blocks out all posts in a perfect rectangle. Heretofore, many of the booths had posts cutting in at the rear corners. The manner in which the posts are blocked out of the spaces in the 1949 layout diminishes no exhibit areas, and provides the same number of booths as in former years.

Another innovation next year is the screening off of the east bay from the remainder of the main exhibit hall. A temporary partition extending to the ceiling will be erected along the entire length of the east bay, with doors at each end. Space in the screened off section will be limited to exhibitors of power tools and equipment. The purpose is to permit such exhibitors to operate their equipment during the exhibit hours, without interfering with manufacturers who exhibit building materials and appliances. At former conventions of NAHB, manufacturers of power tools and equipment were not permitted to operate because of the noise factor.

According to Mr. Van Auken, the consensus of those who have examined the new layout and added facilities is that a measurable forward stride has been taken in the interest giving the exhibitors much greater flexibility, and maximum opportunities for designs with added appeal to the builders.

The dates of the 1949 convention are February 20 to 24. The prospectus and floor plan will be mailed to exhibitors shortly after Labor Day. It is expected that the first assignments of space will be made about October 1.

The new layout also provides facilities for manufacturers who produce small building accessories, and do not require standard size booths in the main exhibition hall. A limited number of such spaces has been allocated.

Mr. Van Auken, in commenting on the 1949 convention plans, urged that manufacturers who want preferred positions pay particular attention to the deadline dates set for applying for such positions. After the deadline date all exhibit spaces necessarily will have to be allocated in accordance with what remains unreserved.

Catalogs and HOW-TO-DO-IT INFORMATION

446—CENTRIFUGAL SELF-PRIMING PUMPS—are featured in a four-page, two color bulletin issued by Gorman-Rupp Co., Mansfield, Ohio. The characteristics, performance and uses of the company's new lightweight pumps are pictured and described. The patented priming principle which makes possible a money back guarantee with each unit is covered at length. Various models are shown.

447—PLYWOOD PROPERTIES AND BUILDING USES—are described in the new 1948 catalog of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Wash. Reference is given to fir plywood grades as they exist under the present Commercial Standard CS45-47. The booklet is profusely illustrated and contains valuable finishing data. An important feature covers the use of plywood on exteriors.

448—NATIONAL ELECTRIC "800" FLOOR BOX—is the title of Catalog No. 553 published by National Electric Products Corp., Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Pittsburgh 19, Pa. It is an illustrated review of floor box and service fittings for light, power, telephone, signal and bell system floor convenience outlets.

449—ASPHALT FLOOR CARE—a practical pamphlet on the subject of maintaining asphalt tile floors is available from the Asphalt Tile Institute, 101 Park Ave., New York 17, N.Y. The first treatment after floor has set, how to bring out and protect colors, and how to remove stains and prevent scarring are high spots of the pamphlet.

450—ANNIVERSARY IN AMBLER—is title of an attractive 16-page, two-color booklet being distributed by Keas-
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cut. All work is subcontracted but scheduled to permit crews to work all year around. Basement work, for example, is speeded in late summer to provide a backlog of work for cold weather.

This type of planning permits simultaneous work on 25 homes; in 1941 the rate at Basset Park, another Gerholz project, was only ten. The work is done in crews, separate ones for foundations, framing, finishing, plumbing, and wiring. Timing is essential for necessary teamwork.

Glass block panels cost about one dollar per 8-inch block installed. They have added nothing to the over-all cost of the house but have increased its salability, Gerholz reports.

The Mott Park development, now half completed, is important as an index to home buyers' tastes and desires. Earlier homes were built with unfinished second floors, but current ones include one or two finished upstairs rooms because of demand. Fireplaces have been added for the same reason.

Salesmen report that the glass block panels are good selling features and are being used in three other locations beside the bathroom. One panel beside the front door daylight the vestibules; two flank the front-of-the-house picture window, and a large 6x9 foot panel is installed at the rear of the dining room to introduce daylight and provide privacy.

Gerholz finds that offering the houses as complete packages with no "extras" is favored by most buyers. Current prices range from $10,450 to $14,500 according to the number of rooms, alterations to fit individual tastes, and the lot size. The basic floor dimensions are 26x30 feet or 30x30 feet; overhangs provide additional area.

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to refrigerators, but Gerholz, a franchised dealer for these appliances, is now planning to make them part of the package.

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The six-room house has a dinette-snackbar-kitchen combination which Gerholz reports is a popular feature. This area averages 12x15 feet and embodies a U-shaped kitchen. The sink and counter are on one side of the U, a soffit cupboard, over a snack-bar, is on the other. This counter and cupboard "partition" off the dining area, which has built-in china closets and expansive window area. A glass block panel is frequently substituted for the latter to insure privacy.

Sidewalls and roofs have cotton blanket insulation; outside trim is generally wood shingle; oak flooring and copper piping are used throughout. Each house is guaranteed for a year against structural defect.

Mott Park is the second large-scale project of the Gerholz firm. The other subdivision, Bassett Park, was started in 1941, finished in 1946, has 601 homes of from four to five rooms each. These sold, without garage, for under $6,000. Both parks are within an average of ten minutes by automobile from downtown Flint.

The reputation of Gerholz as a builder can be gauged by his prominence in the field. He has been president of the Michigan Real Estate Association, Michigan representative to former President Hoover’s housing conference, chairman of the Emergency Committee of the National Association of Home Builders, and in 1943, became the association’s president.

In 1945 he was appointed a member of the Construction and Civic Betterment Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; in 1946 he became a trustee of the Urban Land Institute of America.

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FAN PACKAGE A8809
The Silent Breeze Gold Seal line of ventilation equipment recently put on the market by Holcomb & Hoke Manufacturing Co., Inc., Indianapolis, Ind., includes the "H.M." Fan Package. Designed for use where space is limited, this package includes a horizontally-mounted ventilating fan, a new type built-in suction chamber; and an automatic ceiling shutter and electric motor. The unit is completely assembled at the factory, except for the automatic time switch and ceiling shutter. Installation is simple: cut a hole in the attic floor for the automatic outlet shutter; install shutter and adjust tension; place the suction chamber, which includes fan, over shutter opening in attic floor, and complete wiring. No more than 24-inch clearance between attic floor and roof is required.

CONVERTIBLE STEEL FURNACE A8816
The Airtemp Division, Chrysler Corp., Dayton, Ohio, have added a square-cased, all-fuel, convertible heavy steel furnace to their Airtemp line. The new furnace may be converted from hand-fired coal to oil, gas or stoker. The grates can be removed or installed in a matter of minutes. The furnace comes in either gravity type or complete winter air conditioner, and in sizes small enough to heat a five room house or large enough to heat a 12-room home. The steel cabinet is thoroughly modern and smartly styled with moulded panels and rounded corners. The blower compartment may be installed in either side of the cabinet, adding to the flexibility of the unit.

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Nail holes are a frequent cause of leaks in masonry walls. If these holes happen to connect with voids in the head joints, water may enter, and then travel through connecting voids in the bed joint until it finds an outlet on the inside of the wall. When a nail or line pin is used, the hole should be plugged with mortar immediately after the nail is removed.

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**NEW PRODUCTS**

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**FLOOR SANDING EDGER**

A high speed 1 1/4 H.P. floor sanding edger that weighs only 25 pounds is available from the Porter-Cable Machine Co., 1714 N. Salina St., Syracuse, N.Y. Guided by two handles, the edger will glide over the work on two ball-bearings; its own weight supplies the necessary pressure against the floor. Powered by a Universal A.C. or D.C. 115-volt salient-pole motor, the disc revolves at 3,200 r.p.m. A hardened steel chrome guard prevents the disc from damaging upright objects, yet permits the abrasive disc to sand flush with baseboards, stair risers, or quarter rounds without touching them. Dust is sucked into the intake surrounding the disc, through a dust channel inside the frame, and blown into a zipper bag that is easily removed.

**FLOOR FURNACE**

An oil-burning floor furnace with an auxiliary cold air return duct system is available. The cold air return duct system draws cold air from remote corners of the building and circulates warm air uniformly through every room. Constructed of welded, aluminized steel with a baked-enamel, exterior finish, this floor furnace requires a 24½ by 36½ rough opening. The entire combustion chamber and heat exchanger may be lifted out as one unit for easy servicing. Manufactured by the Oran Co., 2232 S. Third St., Columbus, Ohio, the unit is available for immediate delivery.

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NEW PRODUCTS
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WINDOW ACCESSORIES

The Tel-O-Post Co., Akron, Ohio, have added an all-aluminum window canopy, and an all-aluminum flower box to their line of building products. The canopy, finished in green, is adjustable in length so that one size fits all window casement widths from 26 inches to 47 inches. Its depth is 13½ inches which provides protection without shutting out light. The upper edge has a leak-proof flashing seal. The flower box has adjustable brackets, which make it possible to hang the box below any window or place it on any flat surface inside or outside the home. The overall size is 28 inches long, 2¾ inches wide, 6 inches deep.

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For communities where the code permits, The Pioneer Co., 1050 Century Building, Pittsburgh 22, Pa., offers a packaged sewage and drainage assembly. The package includes the entire waste system: a stack base fitting with integral cleanout; the continuous wastes and fixture traps and the basement floor drain over and above the usual rough-in material. Constructed for 3-inch roof vent, and 1½ inch drains, the assembly has another outstanding feature. It permits the use of regular 2 inch by 4 inch partitions between the bathroom and kitchen and utility rooms. The package is available for immediate delivery.

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America's Finest Light Control System
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New Products
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Surface Mailbox
A8805
A surface mailbox, welded through-out, making it one strong piece of solid brass that is non-corrod-ing, and, therefore, rustproof and weatherproof, is being marketed by the Trine Manufacturing Corp., 1430 Ferris Place, New York 61, N.Y. It has a self-closing letter drop, name card holder, large, flexible newspaper and magazine clip, a staple that fits any padlock, and a big, easy-to-manage door to its roomy interior. Designed to blend with any style house, this mailbox comes in one size—11 x 6 x 234 inches.

Tool Handle
A8819
A patented chuck that will make a real tool out of any type file, razor blade, hacksaw blade, reamer, bit, or scraper is on the market. Precision made from the finest quality steel, die-cast alloy and Oregon maple, this handle will hold any shape shank. It is a positive non-slip gripping mechanism that operates similar to a drill chuck. A twist of the wrist changes it from one tool to another. The Speed Corp., 2025 N.E. Sandy Blvd., Portland 12, Ore., are the manufacturers.

Steel Frame Windows
A8826
A practical and economical utility type window, for use in units of from two to six, or as an individual basement window is on the market. Produced by the New Monarch Machine and Stamping Co., Des Moines, Iowa, the window is named the In-A-Slide all-steel window. Unique design permits fingertip opening and closing, and self-supporting hinges afford deflected ventilation. Sturdily built to assure double weather protection, the window is easily installed and easily removed for glazing or washing. Made in three standard sizes, In-A-Slides are available in putty-type glazing only, with special screens and storm sash to match.

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Asphalt Hex Shingle Application

INDIVIDUAL hex shingles, used largely for re-roofing, are of two types, staple down and lock down. As the name suggests, a staple-down shingle is fastened by a staple at the bottom. The lock-down type is secured by a tab inserted under adjacent shingles.

Before shingle application over an old roof begins, the deck surface must be repaired and leveled. Then an “eaves flashing strip” of 55-pound or heavier, smooth-roll roofing or 90-pound, mineral-surfaced, roll roofing is applied flush with the edge of the wood edge strip at the eaves, extending up the roof to a point below 12 inches beyond the inside wall line.

Along the eaves and the rakes, lay a strip of sheet metal about 26 gauge or the equivalent, painted on both sides, and secure it with galvanized roofing nails spaced 8 to 10 inches apart along the inner edge. Bend it down even with the eaves and the rake lines and extend it back 2 to 4 inches from the edge of the deck. (Figure 1.)

Nails for individual hex shingles should be galvanized roofing nails with heads 3/4-inch or more in diameter and long enough to penetrate through the old roof covering and at least 1/2-inch into the deck lumber. When application is on top of old wood shingles, nails should be not less than 1¼-inches long; on top of old asphalt shingles not less than 1½-inches long.

Application can be started at either end of the roof, progressing toward the opposite end, or can begin in the center, working toward both ends, however, smooth-roll roofing or 90-pound, mineral-surfaced, roll roofing must be used if it is desired that the cut portions of shingles be the same at both rake lines. Horizontal and vertical chalk lines should be used to insure good shingle alignment.

Application of staple-down shingles (Figure 2) — Lay a starter course with shingles from which the portion below the side tabs has been cut away. Place the first cut shingle with its cut edge flush with the eaves and the rake lines and extend it back 2 to 4 inches from the edge of the deck. (Figure 1.)

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regular courses is fastened with two nails and with one staple inserted by a stapling machine made for that purpose. A nail should be located 1 inch up from the bottom of each shoulder tab and 1 inch in from the end. The staple fastener is applied at the bottom of each shingle so that the shingle is secured to adjacent tabs of shingles in the course below, but not to the shingles in the second course below. Never use a nail where a staple is specified.

For application of regular courses starting from the left, begin the first course at the rake edge with a shingle cut in half vertically. Align the cut edge of the right half of the shingle with the rake edge, fastening it with a staple at the bottom and with a row of nails 1 inch in from the rake edge and 4 inches apart.

Continue the first course with full-size shingles laid with shoulder tabs abutted and aligned to the chalk lines, carefully verifying the placing of each shingle. Secure each full-size shingle with a nail in each side tab and a staple at the bottom. The last shingle at the right is to be cut off as necessary for alignment with the rake.

Start the second course with a full-size shingle and continue with full-size shingles across the roof. The remainder of the courses start alternately with half and full-size shingles aligned with the left rake edge.

Application of lock-down shingles—(Figure 3 and Figure 4)—lay a starter course, using shingles from which the bottom has been cut away on a line joining the two side corners.

When starting application of lock-down shingles from the left, begin the starter course with a half-shingle which has been cut in half vertically.

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placing the cut edge flush with the left rake and the bottom flush with the eaves. The remainder of the starter course consists of half shingles placed so that side corners touch. Nailing is the same as for the starter course of staple-down shingles except that a nail is placed in each side corner. The first unit at the left is nailed along the rake edge.

Start the first course with a full-size shingle from which the locking tab has been cut out. Check the work with vertical and horizontal chalk lines as the course is continued across the roof. Nail in side corners as specified for the starter course and as shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4.

The second course is started with a shingle cut in half vertically and shingles are laid across the roof, se-

FIGURE 4 gives the method of applying lock-down asphalt hex shingles where the starter course is cemented, not nailed.

FIGURE 5 illustrates hip and ridge shingling with lock-down hex Shingles. Hip and ridge shingling with staple-down hex shingles is similar to this method curing each with two nails and locking down the lower corners by inserting locking tabs under the edges of adjacent shingles in the course below. Fasten the left edge of the cut shingle with three nails evenly spaced along the rake. Continue up the roof, beginning courses alternately with full and half shingles aligned to the left rake edge.

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or regular roof shingles. Don’t use metal ridge roll with asphalt roofing because corrosion of the metal might discolor the roof.

Figure 5 shows hip and ridge shingling with lock-down hex shingles. When using regular shingles, bend each shingle down its center in order to have equal exposure on each side of the hip or ridge. Lap shingles so that each one will be exposed 5 inches.

Fasten each shingle with a nail on each side of the hip or ridge, 5 1/2 inches from the exposed end and 1 inch from the edge.

In windy locations it is recommended that all shingles along rakes and eaves be embedded in asphalt plastic cement. Along the eaves the cement is applied to the eaves flashing strip. A starter strip of roll roofing about 8 inches wide is applied along the rakes to take the cement.

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The new general office building is of reinforced concrete construction with face brick to match the factory building. It is two stories high and is designed so that additional stories may be added should it be necessary to expand general office facilities. The entrance to this building is of limestone and granite. The lobby is of marble and flexwood with cove lighting.

American Builder, August 1948.

Ceco Steel Products Moves To New Office Building

THE general offices of Ceco Steel Products Corp., manufacturer of metal construction products, were moved June 25 and 26 into a new office building at 5601 West 26th Street, Chicago 50, as another step in the firm’s country-wide expansion program. The general offices previously had been located in the firm’s Plant No. 1, adjacent.

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Catholic Church Holds First Building Convention

More than 2,200 pastors, religious superiors, and college officials from 33 states, two Canadian provinces, and four foreign countries gathered in Chicago, June 30, July 1, 2, and 3, at the Stevens Hotel for the first National Catholic Building Convention and Exposition. Architects, contractors, and manufacturers of building materials, furnishings and equipment joined the administrators to discuss details of the Catholic Church's gigantic building program which will average about one billion dollars a year for the next ten years, according to the Business and Industry Foundation of the College of St. Joseph of Indiana, sponsor of the convention and exposition.

In a program keynoted by His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago, the administrators heard a long list of building and allied industry authorities address the convention's five general sessions which covered planning, architecture, construction and materials, equipment, and the general outlook. Five major panel sessions were also conducted covering remodeling, the church, the school, the institution, and the recreation center.

In the panel sessions which were held Thursday afternoon, July 1, some of the country's leading authorities conducted intensive discussion periods on current building topics.


Nine members of the Catholic hierarchy attended the convention, four of them acting as presiding officers. They included Cardinal Stritch: Archbishop Kelly of Milwaukee; Bishop Musio of Steubenville, Ohio; Bishop Bennett of Lafayette in Indiana; Bishop Marling of Kansas City; Bishop Griffin of Springfield, Ill.; Bishop O'Brien of Chicago; Bishop Ryan of Bismarck, N. D.; and Bishop Cuino of the Philippine Islands. Delegates from Brazil, India and Cuba were also registered.

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Norge Makes Several Personnel Promotions

HOWARD E. BLOOD, president of the Norge division of Borg-Warner Corp., has announced several important personnel changes in the company's sales and manufacturing departments.

Involved in the shifts were J. N. Candler, who was elevated to director of manufacturing; H. L. Clary, who was named director of sales, and W. S. Law, who became general sales manager.

At the same time, Blood announced the resignation of R. W. Gifford, vice president and assistant general manager, and I. H. Reindel, executive engineer, and the retirement of M. G. O'Harra, vice president and director of sales. Gifford is also chairman of Borg-Warner International Corp., and will retain that association.

Candler will have full charge of manufacturing, engineering and quality in all Norge plants, and has been with the Norge and Detroit Gear divisions of Borg-Warner, in various engineering and manufacturing capacities since 1940.

Clary has been in the appliance business since 1927 when he went to work for the Ludwig Hommel Co.,

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For full information and copies of actual service records, see your local dealer or write to American Lumber & Treating Company.

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Pittsburgh. This company, oldest of all Norge distributors, received the Norge franchise in 1929. Clary, following service with the War Production Board in Washington during the war, joined the Norge factory organization as sales promotion manager in 1945, and has risen through several important sales posts since that time.

Law follows Clary into the general sales manager post, after serving for more than two years in the key position of refrigeration sales manager. Like Clary, Law also worked for a Norge distributor before joining the factory organization. He became associated with Reinhard Brothers Co., Inc., Minneapolis, in 1929, served as a lieutenant colonel in the air forces during the war, and joined Norge in March, 1946.

Wood Conversion Company Announces Five Promotions

D. M. Pattie, vice president and general manager, Wood Conversion Co., St. Paul, Minn., has announced the following sales staff promotions: J. D. Fischer to manager, building product sales; P. L. Berquist to manager, industrial product sales; R. E. Backstrom to assistant products manager; D. B. Anderson

(W. S. Law)

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(Continued from page 166) to the application of any type of finishing or insulation material. There are two general types of the framing. One is the shop-fabricated wall or partition-stud panels ready for assembly at the building site. The other type is fabricated on the site. These sections are assembled into the required framing units where the assembly, welding and handling facilities are available locally.

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Producers' Council Names Jamieson Field Director

RUSSELL M. JAMIESON, of Washington, D.C., has been named field director of the Producers' Council, David S. Miller, Council president, has announced.

Mr. Jamieson, who for the last three years has been assistant to the organization's executive secretary, will assist the Council's 30 local chapters in developing their programs and in coordinating their activities with the Council's national programs.

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New Armstrong Fibreboard Mill Now Produces Temlok

The daily production of the country's fibreboard production has been increased substantially with the start of production at Armstrong Cork Co.'s new multi-million dollar plant at Macon, Ga. The new plant, completely up-to-date and modern, will turn out fibreboard products made from loblolly pine under the trade name of “Temlok.”

Coincident with the opening of the new plant, Armstrong called in all its building materials wholesalers, who will market Temlok and other products of the Building Materials Division, to introduce a new Armstrong-wholesaler policy of cooperative effort. A Wholesalers' Policy Committee, composed of four wholesaler members from four sections of the country and four Armstrong executives, was named at the last day of the convention. The wholesaler members were elected by the wholesalers themselves—not appointed by Armstrong.

J. V. Jones, manager of Armstrong's Lumber Dealer Products Department, explained that the committee would consult on such vital things as pricing policy, profit margins, merchandising policies, advertising, quality standards, manufacturing and packaging procedure. He explained that the policy committee is for the purpose of promoting unified and stable relationships between the manufacturer and distributor. No step of importance to any things vitally affecting the merchandising interests of all wholesalers will be taken by the company without consulting the committee on the proposed step.

The new Temlok fibreboard will be used to produce a number of the items that will make up the Armstrong line of lumber dealer products. This line will consist of 10 major products by September 1, and will include Temlok sheathing, Temlok insulation board, Temlok wall board, Temlok lath, Temlok panels and planks, hardboards, Temlok siding, Temlok insulating wool and Armstrong's Monowall.

BUILDERS FORM NEW GROUP IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

A NEW local organization of builders and contractors has been formed in Seattle, Wash. It will be known as the Seattle Home Builders Association and has temporary offices at 701 Joseph Vance Building in that city.

Permanent offices, which will include a large exhibit space, are to be erected near the business center of Seattle. Building materials, fixtures and supplies will be on display there. The group will maintain an information center on building problems and will invite architects and the public to bring in plans for estimates of construction costs.

President of the Seattle Home Builders Association is Bernhard Dahl. Other officers include Lew Hykes, vice president; Oluf Heggen, treasurer; and David Harvey, secretary. Directors are Ole Bardahl, H. E. Forsman and Axel Thornberg. Miss Irene Jones will serve as executive secretary.
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No. 803 AND No. 804 FLAT TRACK GARAGE DOOR SETS

Your customer will appreciate both the savings in cost and practical utility of either of these National Garage Door Sets. Snow and ice will not interfere with opening and closing of doors. All hardware is hung on the inside of the building and protected from the weather. Hardware for these sets furnished in Japan finish only.

No. 803 Garage Door Set is furnished regularly for an 8-foot opening with 8 feet of Braced Rail for over the door opening, 6 feet for along the side wall, and a 27-inch radius curve for turning the corner. Doors can be hung to operate either to right or left.

No. 804 Flat Track Garage Door Set is furnished regularly with 12 feet of Braced Rail for a 10-foot opening. The four doors are hung with 4 x 4-inch butts, with a strong, adjustable roller-bearing hanger on the outer end which prevents the doors from sagging.

See your National Dealer for further information.

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